

thereof for the purposes therein mentioned, or to any other matter or thing to be done or performed therein, but the said act so far as it respects or relates to said borough and no further is hereby declared to be repealed.

[Section XLIV.] (Section XLV, P. L.) And be it also enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons be sued or prosecuted for anything done in pursuance of this act he, she or they may plead the general issue and give this act and the special matter in evidence for their justification; and if the plaintiff or prosecutor become non-suit or suffer a discontinuance, or a verdict pass against him, the defendant shall have treble costs to be recovered as in cases where costs by law are given to defendants.

Passed September 12, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 120, etc. See the Act of Assembly passed September 13, 1785, Chapter 1179.

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## CHAPTER MXXXII.

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AN ACT TO REPEAL SUNDRY ACTS OF ASSEMBLY IMPOSING DUTIES ON GOODS, WARES AND MERCHANDISE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the commissioners for the defence of the bay and river Delaware have by their memorial to the supreme executive council and transmitted by them to this house set forth, that they apprehend they are in possession of money sufficient to answer the ends of their appointment:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas the merchants of the city of Philadelphia have represented it as detrimental to the trade of this state to continue the duty of four pence per gallon on all wines imported and two shillings and six pence per dozen on all wines imported in bottles and four pence per gallon on all strong beer in casks and two shillings and six pence per dozen on such beer imported in bottles and two pence per pound on all refined sugar imposed by the act, entitled "An act for raising and collecting of money on the specified articles therein

mentioned for the support of government and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the twentieth day of March last:<sup>1</sup>

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the act, entitled "An act for guarding and defending the navigation in the bay and river Delaware and for other purposes therein mentioned,"<sup>2</sup> and the act, entitled "An act for raising an impost on goods, wares and merchandise, imported or brought into this state by land,"<sup>3</sup> and so much of the act entitled "An act for raising and collecting of money on the specified articles therein mentioned for the support of government, and for other purposes therein mentioned,"<sup>1</sup> as is contained in the seventh, eighth and ninth sections thereof; be, and the same are hereby specially and severally repealed, made null and void and of no effect.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whatever sum or sums of money now are in the hands of the naval officer, or for which he hath taken bonds or other securities, or which may come into his hands by virtue or on account of the acts aforesaid, shall be, and hereby are appropriated to such uses as the assembly may by their vote direct and appoint.

Passed September 17, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 146, etc.

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## CHAPTER MXXXIII.

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AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE OF CHARLES RUBEY, OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD, CORDWAINER, AND JANE, HIS WIFE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Charles Rubey of the town and county of Bedford, cordwainer, hath presented a petition to the late house of assembly, setting forth that Jane, his wife,

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<sup>1</sup> Passed March 20, 1783, Chapter 1018.

<sup>2</sup> Passed April 9, 1782, Chapter 965.

<sup>3</sup> Passed November 22, 1782, Chapter 993.