

this state the said accounts shall be published by the said comptroller as often as the assembly shall direct.

[Section IX.] (Section XII, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act entitled "An act to vest in the congress of the United States a power to levy duties of five per centum ad valorem on certain goods and merchandise imported into this commonwealth and on prizes and prize-goods condemned in the court of admiralty of this state after the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and appropriating the same,"¹ passed the fifth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and every clause, matter and thing therein contained, be and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

Passed September 23, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. —. See the Act of Assembly passed March 16, 1785, Chapter 1137; April 8, 1786, Chapter 1226.

CHAPTER MXL.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR ACKNOWLEDGING AND RECORDING OF DEEDS."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in and by an act of the general assembly of the late province of Pennsylvania now in force within this commonwealth, entitled "An act for acknowledging and recording of deeds," passed the twenty-eight day of May, one thousand seven hundred and fifteen it is provided that no deed or mortgage or defeasible deeds in the nature of mortgages thereafter to be made should be good or sufficient to convey or pass any freehold or inheritance or to grant any estate therein for life or years unless such deed be acknowledged or proved and recorded within six months after the date thereof where such lands lie:

¹ Passed April 5, 1781, Chapter 937.

¹ Passed May 28, 1715, Chapter 208.

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas the interruptions of the war, the expiring of the proper officer's commissions by the late revolution, the invasion of the enemy, and other causes may have prevented many mortgages or defeasible deeds in the nature of mortgages made and executed between the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six and the eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight from being acknowledged or proved and recorded within the times limited by the said act whereby many of the citizens of this commonwealth may lose their just demands unless provision be made by law to prevent the same:

[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 all mortgages and defeasible deeds in the nature of mortgages, of any lands, tenements or hereditaments within this commonwealth made and executed at any time or times between the said first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six and the said eighteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight which hath or have at any time or times since the date or dates thereof been acknowledged or proved and recorded and which shall within six months from and after the passing of this act be acknowledged or proved and recorded in the manner directed in and by the said recited act shall be as good and effectual in law to all intents and purposes (except as hereinafter is provided) as if the same had been acknowledged or proved and recorded within the time limited in and by the said recited act.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) Provided always nevertheless, That nothing in this act contained shall extend to or be deemed or construed to operate against any subsequent judgment, statute, recognizance, attainder, forfeiture, or lien whatsoever or against any subsequent bona fide mortgagee or mortgagees, purchaser or purchasers of any estate, lands, tenements or hereditaments, mentioned or contained in any such prior deed or mortgage, or defeasible deed in nature of a mort-

gage, who shall have taken such subsequent mortgage, or made such subsequent purchase, before such prior mortgage, or defeasible deed in nature of a mortgage, was or shall be acknowledged or proved and recorded agreeable to the directions of this act.

Passed September 23, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 165, etc.
See the note to the Act of Assembly passed May 28, 1715, Chapter 208.

CHAPTER MXLI.

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas divers members of the Episcopal church formerly in communion with the church of England, did many years ago at a very considerable expense, erect and build an house for the public worship of God in the city of Philadelphia, which they nominated and styled St. Paul's Church, by certain constitutions and a special agreement vesting the same church, together with the lot of ground on which it is constructed in certain persons in trust. And whereas the survivors of the said trustees, together with the present vestrymen of the above named church have set forth and represented the disadvantages which they have sustained and yet experience from the want of legal power and consideration as a politic and corporate body; and also have petitioned that they the said survivors together with the other members of the religious society who assemble in the said church may be incorporated and furnished with the due and customary privileges in this behalf and that they may have perpetual succession. And whereas it is just and proper and perfectly consistent with the true [intention] and spirit of the constitution that the prayer of their said petition be granted:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the