

lay before the comptroller general from time to time, when thereunto required, a true state of the said lottery; and shall also when the drawing of the same is completed and the prizes and incidental charges are paid render their accounts to the committee of accounts of assembly for final settlement.

Provided always, That in case of a vacancy in the management of this lottery as aforesaid by the death or resignation of any of the managers, this or any future assembly may supply such vacancy by their vote or resolution.

Passed March 15, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 252, etc. See the Acts of Assembly passed March 14, 1761, Chapter 465; November 30, 1784, Chapter 1117; February 27, 1786, Chapter 1200; March 3, 1788, Chapter 1334.

CHAPTER MLXXVI.

AN ACT FOR RAISING A FURTHER IMPOST OR DUTY ON ALL GOODS, WARES OR MERCHANDISE IMPORTED INTO THIS STATE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas this commonwealth doth labor under many heavy debts contracted during the late war, and it is necessary that some further funds be provided to discharge the same, and also to defray the other expenses of government in its present exigencies:

[Section I.] (Section II, 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 from and after the passing of this act, there shall be raised and collected upon all goods, wares and merchandise imported into this state, a duty or impost of one and one half per centum over and above all duties and imposts now payable by law, and all the powers and authorities; and the penalties, regulations and directions, given and expressed in and by the act, entitled "An act for an impost

on goods, wares and merchandise imported into this state,"¹ passed the twenty-third day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty; and by the supplement to the same, entitled "A supplement to an act, entitled 'An act for an impost on goods, wares and merchandise, imported into this state,'"² passed the twenty-fifth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three shall be, and they are hereby extended to enforce the collecting and paying the said further impost of one and one-half per centum over and above all imposts by the two last recited acts made payable, as fully and amply to all intents and purposes, as if the same were herein specially repeated and expressed, except as is hereinafter excepted.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas from the extension of the impost or duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported, it is expedient and necessary to appoint an officer of integrity and diligence for the express purpose of collecting the same and the duties payable on goods, wares and merchandise, for the use of the United States, by the act passed for that purpose the twenty-third day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act, there shall be a collector of the duties or imposts on goods, wares and merchandise imported, whose powers, authorities and duties, shall be to all intents and purposes the same as are vested in the naval officer by the act aforesaid, passed the twenty-third day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, entitled "An act for an impost on goods, wares and merchandise imported into this state,"¹ and the supplement to the same, passed the twenty-fifth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, as if every clause matter and thing therein contained was specially inserted herein, and the duties of the naval officer as directed in said acts, shall from henceforth cease and determine.

[Section III.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the master of any ship or other

¹ Passed December 23, 1780, Chapter 925.

² Passed September 25, 1783, Chapter 1051.

vessel, except ships or vessels of war, privateers and their prizes arriving in any port of this state, shall within forty-eight hours after such arrival, and before he makes entry with the naval officer, repair to the collector's office in the city of Philadelphia, and there exhibit and deliver to the collector a true manifest, signed by the said master of all goods, wares and merchandise laden or imported in such ship or vessel, setting forth the packages, marks and numbers thereof, and the nature and quantity of their contents, in number, weight and measure, as they are commonly counted, estimated and sold, together with his own name and surname, the name of the ship or vessel, and the country, port or place where the cargo was shipped.

[Section IV.] (Section VI, P. L.) And it is hereby further enacted and provided, That the manifest aforesaid shall be expressed in words at full length, and not in figures only; and the said collector being satisfied as to the truth and fairness of the manifest or declaration, shall administer an oath or affirmation to the master or masters of vessels aforesaid, in substance as followeth, to-wit: "That the goods, wares and merchandise are in number, quantity and quality, the same as in his said manifest specified and declared to be, and that no other is laden or imported in his vessel, to the best of his knowledge, and belief;" and the said collector shall make out and deliver to the master aforesaid, a certificate setting forth his complying with the directions of this act, and for which he shall receive from the said master the sum of three shillings and nine pence, and no more; and for every permit, the sum of one shilling and no more:

[Section V.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the master of any ship or vessel arriving in any port or place within this state, shall neglect to exhibit and deliver to the collector aforesaid, such manifest as is hereinbefore required, the master so neglecting shall forfeit and pay to the said collector, the sum of one thousand pounds to be recovered as directed in the fifteenth section of the act passed the twenty-third day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty aforesaid.

[Section VI.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted

by the authority aforesaid, That Sharp Delaney, esquire, be, and he is hereby appointed collector for the port of Philadelphia, for the time being.

[Section VII.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the collector appointed, or to be appointed in consequence of this act, shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation before the president or vice president in council to-wit: "That he will well and truly perform the duties of collector as directed by this act, to the best of his skill and knowledge, and without favor or affection to any person or persons whatever."

[Section VIII.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the third section of the act aforesaid, passed the twenty-third day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and so much of the other acts herein mentioned, as are altered or supplied, be, and the same are hereby declared to be null and void.

Passed March 15, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 263, etc. See the Act of Assembly passed March 16, 1785, Chapter 1137; April 2, 1785, Chapter 1157; April 4, 1785, Chapter 1158.

CHAPTER MLXXVII.

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE OF JOHN ALEXANDER AND MARGARET, HIS WIFE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas John Alexander of the city of Philadelphia, husband of Margaret Alexander of the said city, hath represented to the general assembly of this state, that his wife Margaret Alexander hath separated herself from his bed and his board and since her intermarriage with him hath estranged her affections from him and placed them upon other men, and hath within the period aforesaid frequently committed the heinous sin of adultery, and hath prayed the general assembly to grant him leave to bring in a bill to dissolve him from