

Passed March 27, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 291, etc. See the Acts of Assembly passed, March 7, 1800, Chapter 2120; March 28, 1808, P. L. 163; May 31, 1893, P. L. 185.

CHAPTER MXC.

AN ACT FOR REGULATING OF HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas many idle and vagrant persons may come into this state, and under pretence of being hawkers or peddlers may greatly impose upon many persons in the quality and price of goods, and also may commit felonies and other misdemeanors.

For preventing such inconveniences and evil practices, and to the intent that no persons may be admitted to follow the business of hawkers or peddlers within this state, but those who are of known honesty and civil behavior:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it 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 no person whatever shall follow or employ him, her or themselves in the business or employment of a hawker, peddler or petty chapman within this state, until such persons shall have obtained a recommendation from the justices of the county court where he or she dwells, certifying their opinion of the honesty of the person recommended, and that he or she intends to travel with one or more horse or horses, or other beasts of burden, or on foot, and thereupon shall have obtained a license from the president or vice-president of the supreme executive council of this state, and shall have given bond in the prothonotary's office of the said county court, to the said president or vice-president, him or herself in the sum of one hundred pounds, and two freeholders sureties in the sum of fifty pounds each, conditioned that such person shall be of good behavior

during the continuance of said license, which license shall continue for one whole year, and for which license there shall be paid for the support of government, the sum of five pounds by every person obtaining a license to travel with a horse or other beast of burden, and the sum of forty-five shillings for every person licensed to travel on foot.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person, not being qualified as aforesaid shall be found hawking, peddling or travelling from place to place, through any part of this state to sell goods, or who shall expose to sale any foreign goods, wares or merchandise in any of the open streets of the city and suburbs of Philadelphia, or in any of the open streets in any of the county towns within this state; he or she so offending shall forfeit the sum of ten pounds, one moiety whereof to this state, for the support of government; and the other moiety to the person who sues for the same; to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any court of record within this state.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to hindre any person or persons from selling or exposing to sale, any sort of goods, wares or merchandise, in any public market or fair within this state, at any other time or times than is or are appointed by law for holding the same; or to hinder any person or persons from carrying about from town to town and from house to house, any goods, wares or merchandise, being of the growth, product or manufacture of this state; but that such person or persons may do therein as they lawfully might have done, before the making of this act; anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And if any person hawking, peddling or traveling as aforesaid, except as before is excepted, shall refuse to produce and show his or her license to any civil officer upon demand, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty shillings for the uses aforesaid to be recovered before any justice of the peace, as debts under forty shillings are now recoverable.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted

by the authority aforesaid, That the true intent and meaning of the proviso in this act contained is and the same shall be so taken and construed, that no person whatever, whether he or she be qualified according to this act or not, shall expose to sale in any of the public market places within the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark or the township of the Northern Liberties, or any of the county towns or boroughs within this state, or in the open streets or highways thereof, except at the times appointed by law for holding fairs therein, any goods, wares or merchandise other than the growth, produce and manufacture of this or the adjoining states, under the penalty of ten pounds to be recovered in the manner and for the uses in this act contained.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act of general assembly entitled "An act for regulating peddlers, vendues, &c,"¹ passed on the fourteenth day of February, which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine (thirty) so far as the same relates to peddlers, hawkers and petty chapmen, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed March 30, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 291, etc. See the Acts of Assembly passed February 14, 1729-30, Chapter 308; March 28, 1799, Chapter 2038, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed December 9, 1783, Chapter 1063.

CHAPTER MXCI.

AN ACT FOR CONTINUING THE ARCH OVER THE PUBLIC COMMON SEWER OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE DOCK, AND COVERING THE SAME WITH EARTH FROM WALNUT STREET TO THE FOOT BRIDGE, AND FOR RAISING A FUND FOR DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the space occupied by the north-western branch of the dock, and the streets on each side thereof, was by agreement between the first proprietary and the settlers

¹ Passed February 14, 1729-30, Chapter 308.