

vice and before the congregation is dismissed, or in any other convenient manner (which seven shall be a quorum) shall be authorized and empowered and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make by-laws, rules and ordinances, and to do everything needful for the support and government of the said congregation: Provided always that the said by-laws, rules and ordinances, or any of them be not repugnant to the laws of this commonwealth, and also that all their laws and proceedings be fairly and regularly entered in the books of records of the said congregation.

[Section XII.] (Section XIV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the clear yearly value, interest or income of the lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments and real estate of the said corporation, shall not exceed the sum of six hundred and fifty pounds gold or silver money at the present current value thereof in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, exclusive of the moneys arising from the letting of the pews of said church or for opening the ground for burials in the church yard belonging to the said congregation, and also exclusive of the voluntary contributions of the members for the support of the minister duly officiating in the said congregation; and also exclusive of other free contributions belonging to the aforesaid congregation, which said money shall be received by the said corporation and disposed of by them for the purposes hereinbefore described and directed.

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CHAPTER MCLXX.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR BUILDING MARKET HOUSES AND KEEPING A PUBLIC MARKET ON BOTH SIDES OF CALLOWHILL STREET AND NEW MARKET STREET IN THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA." (1)

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas by an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act for building market houses and keeping a public market on both sides of Callowhill

¹ Chapter 1026.

street and New Market street in the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia,"¹ passed on the sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, it is among other things enacted "that is shall and may be lawful for the freeholders and inhabitants of the Northern Liberties of the said city of Philadelphia, annually, until all the money borrowed on certificates shall be fully paid, at the time and place for electing supervisors of the highways, then and their to choose by ballot six superintendents of the said Callowhill market, and also one clerk of the said market."

(Section II. P. L.) And whereas the present superintendents of the said market and others, subscribers for building the said market, have by their petition represented to this house, "that at the time [when] the aforesaid act was passed, they flattered themselves that an establishment of such public utility would meet with the general approbation of the inhabitants of the said township, and that every one would be ready to assist and forward the design, either by donations or loans, according to their respective abilities, and thereby become entitled to a right in the choice of the superintendents; but that they are under the disagreeable necessity of informing this house that they did not meet with the expected success, that the number of subscribers is but small, and that in order to complete the said market the present superintendents were obliged to build three-fourths parts thereof at their own expense, by reason whereof they are considerable sums in advance to the said establishment, that by the aforesaid law, the appointment of the superintendents would expire on the third Saturday of March in every year, when others were to be elected in their stead agreeably to the tenor of the said law on which occasion it might happen that the choice might fall on persons who were not friendly to the establishment aforesaid, and from motives of self-interest or other sinister views, delay the distribution of the income and profits of the said market among the lenders or subscribers, whereby the good purposes intended by the said act would be frustrated, and those persons who freely lent their money for the public good prejudiced;" and have prayed this house to pass a law enabling the subscribers to appoint the superintendents

and a clerk of the said market, until all the money borrowed on certificates shall be fully paid and satisfied, and to repeal so much of the aforesaid act as relates to the election of the superintendents and a clerk of the market until all the money borrowed on certificates as aforesaid shall be fully paid:

And it appearing just and reasonable to this House, that the said prayer should be granted, therefore,

[Section I.] (Section III. 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the subscribers for building the market houses on Callowhill and New Market streets in the Northern Liberties aforesaid, to meet on the third Saturday of March in every year at some convenient place in the said township and then and there elect or appoint out of their number six fit persons to serve as superintendents of the said market, and one fit person as a clerk of the said market, so long, until by the income and profits of the said market all the money borrowed on certificates or is otherwise due to the present superintendents and workmen for building the said market shall be fully paid and satisfied, and that thereafter and from thence forth no more than two superintendents, a clerk of the market and one treasurer shall be annually elected by the freeholders and electors of the said township of the Northern Liberties agreeably to the directions of the aforesaid act.

[Section II.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the act of assembly to which this is a supplement as relates to the electing annually six superintendents and one clerk of the market until all the money borrowed on certificates be fully paid, be and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

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