

of them, to purchase and take assurance, in the name of the commonwealth of a piece of land, in trust for the use of the inhabitants of Westmoreland county: Provided said piece of land be not situate further east than the nine-mile run nor further west than Brushy run, further north than Loyalhanna nor further south than five miles south of old Pennsylvania road leading to Pittsburgh, on which piece of ground said commissioners shall erect a court-house and prison sufficient to accommodate the public service of the said county.

[Section II.] (Section III. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for defraying the charges of purchasing the land and building and erecting the court-house and prison aforesaid it shall and may be lawful to and for the commissioners of the said county to assess and levy and they are hereby required to assess and levy so much money as the said trustees or any three of them shall judge necessary for purchasing the said lands and finishing the said court-house and prison: Provided that the sum of money so to be raised does not exceed the sum of one thousand pounds current money of this state.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act of general assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "A supplement to an act for erecting a part of the county of Bedford into a separate county,"¹ shall be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

Passed September 13, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 22, etc.

See the Acts of Assembly passed December 27, 1786, Chapter 1257.

CHAPTER MCLXXVII.

AN ACT FOR THE IMMEDIATE SALE OF THE LOT OF GROUND IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA WHEREON THE OLD GAOL AND WORK HOUSE LATELY STOOD.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas it was enacted in and by an act of general assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An act for erecting part of the county of Philadelphia into a separate"

¹ Passed March 22, 1784. Chapter 1080.

county,"¹ passed the tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, that such part of the money which should arise from the sale of the old prison and work-house and lot of ground thereunto belonging situate in the city of Philadelphia as directed by an act of general assembly of this commonwealth to be sold for the use of the city and county aforesaid, be apportioned for the defraying of the charges of purchasing a lot of ground and building or erecting a court house and prison thereon in the county of Montgomery in the ratio or proportion of taxes as paid between the said county of Montgomery and the city and county of Philadelphia:

And whereas in and by another act of general assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An act to vest the personal estate of the late corporation of the mayor and commonalty of the city of Philadelphia in the wardens of the said city and to direct the immediate sale of the old gaol and work-house of the county of Philadelphia and to appropriate the said personal estate and a part of the moneys to arise from the sale of the said gaol and work-house to the building of two court-houses, one for the said city, the other for the said county, on the state-house lot in the said city, and for other purposes therein mentioned"² it was directed that the president or vice-president in Council should as soon as conveniently might be direct the commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia to sell by public auction to the best and highest bidder the old gaol, work-house and lot of ground aforesaid upon such terms of payment as they should see convenient, and to receive the consideration money and pay into the hands of the commissioners or trustees appointed for purchasing a lot of ground and for erecting thereon a court-house and prison in the said county of Montgomery such part thereof as hath been apportioned and appropriated for that purpose in and by the said first recited act of General Assembly:

(Section II. P. L.) And whereas notwithstanding the pro-

¹Chapter, 1108.

²Passed April 8, 1785.

Chapter, 1165.

visions made in and by the last recited act of Assembly the lot of ground whereon the aforesaid old gaol and work-house lately stood in the city of Philadelphia remains yet unsold and the said Trustees or Commissioners for erecting a court-house and prison in and for the county of Montgomery, relying on the speedy sale of the said old gaol, work-house and lot of ground proceeded to purchase materials and employ artificers and have actually erected the said court-house and prison in and for the county of Montgomery and are exceedingly embarrassed and disappointed for want of the proportion belonging to the county of Montgomery of the money arising from the sale of the old gaol, work-house and lot of ground aforesaid, as no money can be collected from the inhabitants of the said county of Montgomery towards the erecting their public buildings aforesaid, until their proportion of the money arising from the sale of the said old gaol, work-house and lot of ground is first expended:

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 the Commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia be and they are hereby authorized and required to expose to sale and sell on the twentieth day of October next at public auction to the best and highest bidder the lot of ground whereon the late old gaol and work-house in the city of Philadelphia stood, containing in front on High Street sixty-six feet, and extending southerly on the west side of Third street two hundred and forty feet, and in order to effect that purpose the said Commissioners are hereby empowered and required to subdivide the said lot into convenient house lots and to accommodate the same with such alleys as they shall see most convenient and to give public notice of such sale in the English and German newspapers at least two weeks before the said day of sale.

[Section II.] (Section IV. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia, shall and they are hereby

required to cause one-fourth part of the purchase money of the aforesaid lots of ground to be paid unto them within ten days after the day of sale and shall pay the same within three days unto the hands of the commissioners or trustees for erecting the court-house and prison in the said county of Montgomery, or at least such part thereof as taken together with what they have already received will amount to the full proportion or share which was apportioned and allotted to the county of Montgomery in and by the first recited act of assembly and shall cause the residue to be paid unto them, in such payments with interest and with such security as they shall see fit, and to be by them paid into the treasury of the city and county of Philadelphia for the uses and purposes for which the same is appropriated in and by the last recited act of assembly.

[Section III.] (Section V. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the president or vice-president in council, upon receiving a certificate from the said commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia that the whole consideration money for said lots of ground is either paid or secured to be paid agreeably to the conditions of sale, shall execute deeds under the great seal of this commonwealth, vesting in the buyers of the said lots or any part thereof, estates in fee simple, subject to an irredeemable rent of an acorn per annum, forever, payable if demanded, to the Commonwealth.

[Section IV.] (Section VI. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners or Trustees for erecting the court house and prison in and for the county of Montgomery, shall account for the money they have received by virtue of the last recited act of Assembly, and for what they shall or may receive by virtue of this act, in the same manner as expressed and set forth in the said last recited act.

[Section V.] (Section VII. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the last recited act of assembly, so far as it empowers the president or vice-president in council to direct the commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia to sell the old gaol and work-house and lot of ground

thereunto belonging situate in the city of Philadelphia and no further is hereby repealed and made null and void.

Passed September 13, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 3, etc.

CHAPTER MCLXXVIII.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE BANK OF NORTH AMERICA;" ALSO ONE OTHER ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR PREVENTING AND PUNISHING THE COUNTERFEITING OF THE COMMON SEAL, BANK BILLS AND BANK NOTES OF THE PRESIDENT, DIRECTORS AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED."

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas the bank established in the city of Philadelphia hath been found to be injurious to the welfare of this State, and in its tendency appears to be incompatible with the public safety,

Therefore,

[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 the act of general assembly of this commonwealth, made and enacted the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of North America,"¹ and every matter, clause and thing therein contained be and the same hereby is repealed and made utterly void and of none effect.

[Section II.] (Section III. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the first day of March next a certain other act of assembly made and enacted the eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, entitled "An act for preventing and punishing the counterfeiting of the common seal, bank bills and bank notes of the president, directors and company of the Bank of North America, and for other purposes

¹ Chapter 963.