

aforesaid. The president or vice president in council are hereby authorized to draw upon the treasury of this commonwealth for the sum of three hundred pounds and cause the said highway to be opened and made by contract or otherwise as may be by the president or vice president in council judged most expedient.

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CHAPTER MCCXVII.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE WARDENS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA TO EXTEND THE MARKET HOUSE IN HIGH STREET FROM THIRD STREET TO FOURTH STREET FROM DELAWARE RIVER AND TO CONTINUE THE SAME FROM TIME TO TIME WESTWARDLY FROM ONE STREET TO ANOTHER IN THE MIDDLE OF HIGH STREET AS THE WARDENS OF THE SAID CITY SHALL THINK NECESSARY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia and the counties bordering thereon have represented to this house the necessity there is of extending the market-house in High street westward in the city of Philadelphia; that the old market house was become by far too small for the accommodation of the people from the different parts of the country who are often exposed to the inclemency of the weather without shelter in rain or snow to the great danger of their health and inconveniency of the inhabitants of the said city and that custom and long usage have fixed High street as the most eligible and central place for the market house to be continued.

[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, it shall and may be lawful to and for the wardens of the city of Philadelphia or a majority of them and they are hereby enjoined and required to contract for materials and to employ workmen to build and extend the market house in

High street along the middle thereof from Third street to Fourth street within the present or the next succeeding year and so on from time to time as necessity or occasion shall require to extend the market house in High street from street to street westward as often as the wardens of the said city or a majority of them shall think proper for the benefit and advantage of the inhabitants of the said city and for the accommodation of the country people bringing provisions to market for sale.

(Section II. P. L.) And in order to afford a convenient opportunity for the turning of wagons and other carriages.

[Section II.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the first shambles or market house as it shall or may be extended in all or any of the said High street shall not approach or be continued nearer than thirty feet to the line or lines of any of the streets crossing the aforesaid High street.

(Section IV. P. L.) And in order that those who attend the said market with herbage and vegetables may be accommodated with more convenient shelter under the eaves thereof as well as to afford a wider space for the passage of carriages:

* [Section III.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the width or breadth of the said shambles or market house shall not be more than eighteen feet from the outside of any one pier or column thereof to the outside of any other pier or column of and opposite to the same and that the roof of the said shambles or market house shall have the same elevation and projection with that already erected and no more.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the better carrying on the said building and for finishing and completing the same until money can be raised on the inhabitants of the said city for defraying the expenses thereof it shall and may be lawful to and for the wardens of the city of Philadelphia and they are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, who shall be willing to lend the same any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole two thousand pounds to be by them applied towards the payment of the debts hereafter to be contracted by the said war-

dens for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and that every lender of moneys in pursuance of this act shall immediately receive a certificate in writing under the hands and seals of the wardens of the city of Philadelphia or a majority of them for the payment of the sum lent with the interest agreed on not exceeding six per centum per annum, which certificate shall be registered in a book to be kept by the wardens for that purpose and the interest money thereon accruing shall be paid by the said wardens every year.

[Section V.] (Section VI. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every lender or lenders of money, his, her or their executors, administrators or successors, may assign and transfer his, her or their certificate with all his, her or their right or interest therein by an indorsement thereon to any person or persons and such assignee may in like manner assign, transfer and set over the same again and so on toties quoties and afterward it shall not be in the power of the person so assigning to release, make void or discharge the said certificate.

[Section VI.] (Section VII. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the better enabling the wardens of the city of Philadelphia to complete the market house aforesaid and to pay and discharge all and every of the said certificates so by them or a majority of them to be issued and given for money borrowed and the interest thereof in manner aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said wardens to levy taxes upon the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia and upon all estates real and personal, and taxables within the bounds of the said city in the same manner as taxes are by law levied and collected for the support of the nightly watch and enlightening the streets, lanes, and alleys of the city of Philadelphia and so annually until the whole of such certificates, both principal and interest, are finally discharged and paid, and also for the payment of such debts as may be contracted for the purpose aforesaid over and above the said sum of two thousand pounds so directed to be borrowed by the said wardens, should that sum prove insufficient to answer the purposes hereby intended.

[Section VII.] (Section VIII. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when the market house shall be finished and completed, the one-half of the building so erected shall be and remain free for the country people attending the said market forever, and that no fees, tolls, or perquisites be demanded or exacted from them for the use thereof, and that the wardens of the city of Philadelphia be authorized to let or demise the stalls which they may erect in the other half of the said building to any person or persons for such yearly rents and reservations as shall be agreed upon and the rent arising from such stalls shall be paid to the treasurer of the wardens of the city of Philadelphia for the time being for the use of the said city and for no other purpose whatsoever.

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See the Act of Assembly passed February 12, 1795, Chapter 1796.

CHAPTER MCCXVIII.

AN ACT TO ENFORCE THE DUE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas it is of great consequence to this commonwealth that payment of the taxes which have been laid and which may be called for by the legislature of this state for the necessary purposes thereof should be paid within the time directed:

And whereas there are large arrearages of the taxes, which have been heretofore assessed within the counties of this state still due and outstanding to the great delay and disappointment of public measures, the unequal burdening of those who have paid their parts and proportions of taxes in due time, and to the great distress of many persons who are liable for such arrears, and who could have discharged the same with less difficulty if such illegal and false indulgence had not been practiced:

For remedy whereof: