

that a person of legal knowledge and ability should constantly preside in the said court:

(Section XI. P.L.) And whereas the principles of justice and the directions of the constitution require that a compensation be provided in some measure adequate to the services which shall be rendered to the public by the said president:

[Section VIII.] (Section XII. P.L.) Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passage of this act there shall be paid for every writ issued out of the said court, (writs of subpoena, venire facias, and writs at the suit of the commonwealth excepted) by the person suing out the same, the sum of one shilling over and besides the usual and customary fees and that from and after the first day of January aforesaid the like sum shall be paid by the plaintiff for every rule of reference which shall be made and entered into in any action in the same court depending, which sums shall be received by the prothonotary and by him accounted for and paid quarterly to the president of the said court.

Passed 25th September, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 132, etc.

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## CHAPTER MCCXLVII.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF CHESTER TO REMOVE THE PRISONERS FROM THE OLD GOAL IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER TO THE NEW GAOL IN GOSHEN TOWNSHIP IN SAID COUNTY AND TO INDEMNIFY HIM FOR THE SAME.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas it was in and by an act of assembly entitled, "An act to enable William Clingan, Thomas Bull, John Kinhead, Roger Kirk, John Sellers, John Wilson and Joseph Davis, to build a new court house and prison in the county of Chester and to sell the old court house and prison in the town of Chester,"<sup>1</sup> passed on the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, enacted and provided that when the new court house

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 901.

and prison shall be erected that from thenceforth the several courts of general quarter sessions, common pleas, nisi prius, oyer and terminer, and general gaol delivery for the said county shall be holden and kept at the said court house when the same is built and erected:

And whereas by a supplement to said law passed the twenty-second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, John Hannum, Esquire, Isaac Taylor, Esquire and John Jacobs were constituted and appointed commissioners for the purpose mentioned and expressed in the said act, who, or any two of them, were empowered to carry the said act into execution:

And whereas neither the said act nor the supplement thereto empowers the sheriff to remove the prisoners from the old gaol in the town of Chester to the new gaol in Goshen township in said county and it being proper that not only previous to the holding of the courts at the new court-house in the township of Goshen aforesaid the prisoners should be so removed but also that the sheriff be indemnified and saved harmless against all and all manner of suits and actions which may be brought against him by reason of such removal.

[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 the sheriff of the county of Chester be empowered and directed either by himself or by his deputies to remove all and every the prisoner and prisoners which are in the old gaol in the town of Chester to the new gaol in Goshen township in said county and that he and his deputies and every of them shall be and are hereby indemnified and saved harmless against all and all manner of suits and actions which may lie or be brought against him, them, or any of them by reason of said removal or removals and that if any such action or suit be brought, the same shall be hereby barred and the proceedings discontinued by the court.

[Section II.] (Section III. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sheriff of the county aforesaid may and shall keep and hold in the said gaol in the town-

ship of Goshen any felons, criminals and other prisoners who shall be liable to be kept and holden in the gaol of said county from and after the publication of this act and that all such keeping an imprisonment shall be and are hereby declared to be good and valid to all intents and purposes.

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## CHAPTER MCCXLVIII.

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AN ACT FOR THE PREVENTION OF VICE AND IMMORALITY AND UNLAWFUL GAMING AND TO RESTRAIN DISORDERLY SPORTS AND DISSIPATION.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas it is directed in and by the constitution of this commonwealth that, "laws for the prevention of vice and immorality shall be made and constantly kept in force and provision shall be made for the due execution of them:"

And whereas the council of censors in their inquiries whether the laws have been duly executed have found that the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the suppression of vice and immorality,"<sup>1</sup> hath not been fully and duly executed and enforced throughout this state:

And whereas the act aforesaid having been enacted on the tenth day of March which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine and during the depreciation of the first bills of credit of the United States of America, the penalties in the said act provided and denounced against those who should transgress the same when reduced by the scale of depreciation which was afterwards established for the purpose of estimating debts, demands and penalties arising and become due or to become due upon contracts and under act of assembly which had been made during the course of the said depreciation are in many cases become small and the said act hath thereby lost its force, insomuch that in the case

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 833. Passed March 30, 1779.