

CHAPTER MCCXCIII.

AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE LOTS IN THE STATE HOUSE SQUARE APPROPRIATED FOR BUILDING THEREON RESPECTIVELY COUNTY AND CITY COURT HOUSES.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the lot lying at the northwest corner of the state house square and appropriated by an act of assembly passed on the seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two for the building thereon of a county court house or common hall for the county of Philadelphia, and the lot lying at the northeast corner of the said square, and appropriated by the said act of assembly for building thereon a city court house or common hall for the city of Philadelphia respectively, extended in depth southwardly from Chestnut street of the said city only seventy-three feet, which depth is insufficient for the said purposes:

And whereas the said first mentioned lot is by an act of assembly of this state passed the eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five vested in the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, and their successors and the other lot is vested in the wardens of the said city and their successors for the [respective] uses aforesaid:

[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 said lots shall respectively extend in depth through the whole easterly and westerly breadth thereof from the said Chestnut street southerly to the full extent of eighty-eight feet, and the said lots so enlarged and extended shall be vested respectively in the said commissioners and their successors and in the said wardens and their successors and to same uses and purposes respectively, as they were before their enlargement by this act: Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or con-

strued to prevent or bar any person or persons from enjoying, having or pursuing in due course of law his, her or their own private claim, right, title or possession of, to or in the said lots or either of them or to any part of them or to either of them.

Passed March 29, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 236, etc.

CHAPTER MCCXCIV.

AN ACT TO ALTER THE TEST OF ALLEGIANCE TO THIS COMMONWEALTH REQUIRED BY AN ACT PASSED THE FOURTH DAY OF MARCH ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR SECURING TO THIS COMMONWEALTH THE FIDELITY AND ALLEGIANCE OF THE INHABITANTS THEREOF AND FOR ADMITTING CERTAIN PERSONS TO THE RIGHT OF CITIZENSHIP."

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas in and by an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth passed the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, entitled "An act for securing to this commonwealth the fidelity and allegiance of the inhabitants thereof and for admitting certain persons to the rights of citizenship,"¹ it was enacted that each and every of the male white inhabitants of this Commonwealth who by reason of having omitted or neglected to take and subscribe all or any of the oaths or affirmations of allegiance and fidelity to this commonwealth as required by the several laws thereof or any of them, was or has been debarred from any of the rights of citizenship, should immediately after his taking and subscribing before any justice of the peace of the ward, township or district wherein he resides (or in case there were no justice of peace within such ward, township or district, then and in that case only before the nearest justice of [the] peace to where such person resides) the oath or affirmation of allegiance and abjuration in the said act specified be and he was by the said act declared to be a free citizen of this commonwealth and entitled

¹ Chapter 1206.