

persons belonging to the said church who are in and by this act authorized and empowered to elect shall and may be at liberty to re-elect one or more of the said trustees, elders or deacons whose time shall have expired on the day of the annual election whenever and so often as they shall think fit.

Passed September 10, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 322, etc.

CHAPTER MCCCIV.

AN ACT [FOR] GRANTING UNTO GEORGE WALL, JUNIOR, THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF MAKING AND VENDING A MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENT BY HIM INVENTED FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas George Wall, Junior, of the county of Bucks hath represented to this house by his petition that he hath invented and constructed a mathematical instrument which is adapted to the measurement of angles both horizontal and vertical, and also giving the instrumental solution of all cases in plain trigonometry, and that the said instrument will be of great utility in many arts, especially in surveying, on account of its size and portability and answering many more purposes than any other instrument is designed to do, and to the said petition is annexed the certificates of sundry persons of competent judgment who have given their opinions that the said instrument may be considered a valuable invention and that it will be more extensively useful than any extant:

And whereas it is esteemed consistent with the honor of this state to reward the inventors of useful improvements.

[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 from and after the publication of this act the said George Wall, his executors, administrators and assigns, shall have the sole and exclusive privilege of constructing, making and vending said instrument called Wall's

trigonometer, together with the improvements that he may hereafter put to the same, during the term of twenty-one years, to commence from and after the passing of this act, on the like form or principles on which the said instrument called Wall's trigonometer is or may be constructed by the said Wall, and that no other person whatsoever without the consent in writing first obtained of the said George Wall, shall construct, make or vend the said instrument, and that all and every such instrument constructed, made or used within the jurisdiction of this commonwealth by any other person without the consent of the said George Wall obtained in manner above described, his executors, administrators, or assigns, are hereby declared to forfeited to and become the absolute property of the said George Wall, his executors, administrators, or assigns, together with the sum of one hundred pounds current money of said commonwealth unto the said George Wall, his heirs or assigns, recoverable in the county where the offence was committed in the usual way of recovering debts.

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all such persons as may either vend, purchase or use such instruments made out of this state, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds money aforesaid for every such instrument so obtained unto the said George Wall, in his heirs or assigns, recoverable in manner aforesaid.

Passed September 10, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 319, etc.

CHAPTER MCCCV.

AN ACT TO CONFIRM AND AMEND THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF THE UNITED SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCHES OF WICACOA, KINGSESSING AND UPPER MERION, CALLED GLORIA DEI, SAINT JAMES' AND CHRIST CHURCH.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, late proprietaries of the province of Pennsylvania (now commonwealth of Pennsylvania) by their letters patent, dated the twenty-fifth day of September, one thousand seven