

## CHAPTER MCCCLXXXVIII.

## AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTEER COMPANY OF ARTILLERY IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas a number of the militia artillery of the city and county of Philadelphia have uniformed, accoutred and formed themselves into a volunteer company with a view to render themselves serviceable to their country:

[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 it shall and may be lawful for the volunteers composing the aforesaid company of artillery to elect by ballot one captain, one captain lieutenant, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one third lieutenant, and be commissioned in like manner as other officers of the militia artillery are and that the non-commissioned officers of the company shall be appointed in like manner as is usual in other militia and the said company may consist of one hundred privates, provided such number have joined or hereafter shall join such company, and shall be attached to and act with the battalion from which they are or shall be formed, and be subject to like rules and regulations as the other militia of this state.

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## CHAPTER MCCCLXXXIX.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO SUSPEND THE POWERS OF THE TRUSTEES OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY."<sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas a law passed on the thirteenth day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five,<sup>2</sup> em-

<sup>1</sup> Passed December 27, 1786, Chapter 1257.

<sup>2</sup> Passed September 13, 1785, Chapter 1176.

powering certain trustees therein named to purchase a piece of ground within certain prescribed limits and bounds and thereon to erect a courthouse and prison for the use of the county. And in aid thereof the commissioners of said county were authorized to levy the sum of one thousand pounds, which was accordingly levied and collected for the purposes aforesaid:

And whereas the said trustees found it expedient to proceed immediately in erecting a small wooden building to accommodate the public business of the county as a temporary convenience until proper materials could be procured for a substantial and permanent court-house and prison:

And whereas by a subsequent law passed the twenty-seventh day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six entitled, "An act to suspend the operations of the trustees of Westmoreland,"<sup>1</sup> the powers of the said trustees and all further proceedings by them intended respecting the substantial and permanent building aforesaid were suspended until a future legislature should further and otherwise direct concerning the same. And whereas the sheriff, the justices of the peace and other officers of the county of Westmoreland have by their petition stated the great deficiency of the small wooden building which was only intended for temporary purposes, and the many inconveniences which the officers of the court as well as the prisoners in confinement are subject to from the present uncomfortable state of the small building and pray that the said suspending law may be repealed:

And whereas it appears just and reasonable that the said county of Westmoreland should be accommodated with decent, sufficient and permanent buildings calculated to answer all the important purposes of a court house and prison and that the money which has been levied and collected for these purposes should be applied agreeably to the intentions of the law by which it was granted:

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 said suspending law by which the powers of the trustees of Westmoreland county were suspended is hereby repealed, made null and void to all intents and purposes and that the said trustees are hereby authorized and required to proceed in applying the remaining part of the money so levied and collected to the express purposes for which is was granted.

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## CHAPTER MCCCXC.

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AN ACT FOR GRANTING TO THE CORPORATION OF THE MINISTERS, VESTRYMEN AND CHURCH-WARDENS OF THE GERMAN LUTHERAN CONGREGATION IN AND NEAR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA CERTAIN LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED FOR ENDOWING A FREE SCHOOL FOR THE USE OF THE POOR OF THE SAID CONGREGATION.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it hath been represented to this house that the corporation of "The Ministers, Vestrymen and Church-wardens of the German Lutheran Congregation in and near the City of Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania" have at their own voluntary expense instituted a charity school in the city of Philadelphia in which a considerable number of poor children are educated, but the funds provided are not only so precarious in their nature but so limited in their amount as to render the continuance of their benevolent undertaking doubtful and uncertain without some assistance from the legislature wherefore they have humbly prayed this house to confer on them a grant of lands within this state:

And whereas this house in conformity to the true principles of liberty which is more dear and valuable to men in proportion as their minds are more enlightened has always promoted the dissemination of learning.