

of taxes until the [end of the] next session of the general assembly.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act of assembly enacted the eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six entitled, "An act to relieve the owners of unimproved lands from the inconveniences they are subjected to by the present mode of enforcing the payment of taxes assessed thereon"¹ and all powers and authorities therein given to the several officers and persons therein mentioned be and the same is and are hereby also suspended during the time aforesaid.

¹ Chapter 1237.

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CHAPTER MCCCXCVIII.

AN ACT IN AID OF THE CALLOWHILL MARKET IN THE TOWNSHIP OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the holding of open market at a fixed and known place where buyer and seller may at stated times meet together has been found by long experience to be beneficial to both, not only by presenting before the buyer a greater choice as to kind and quality according to his ability to purchase but also by affording to the seller a better and more steady price for his provisions according to their goodness and just value, and a more certain and expeditious sale thereof. And whereas convenient market houses have at a considerable expense been erected in the township of the Northern Liberties in the county of Philadelphia which by law are declared to be a public market-place for the buying and selling of all sorts of provisions, victuals and things of the country produce and manufacture and is commonly known by the name of Callowhill Market, and there hath been chosen

a clerk of the market to make essay of weights and measures and do and perform all things belonging to the office of a clerk of the market within the said township and other officers tending to the good order thereof. And whereas the practice made use of in the said township by butchers and others hawking from door to door, meat, poultry and other kinds of food for man usually sold in the city of Philadelphia in open market has in great measure defeated the good and salutary purpose for which the said market houses were erected, and thereby those victuallers and others who have hired stalls in and attended the said market-place have become great sufferers:

For remedy thereof:

[Section 1.] (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 if any victualler or butcher or other person shall hawk from door to door or by any means sell or offer to sale within the said township any beef, veal, mutton, lamb, goat, kid, pork, cheese, butter, poultry, eggs or other food for man, usually sold in the city of Philadelphia in open market, at any place or places, other than in the said Callowhill Market (vegetables only excepted) he or they shall forfeit double the value thereof, one half of the said forfeiture to the use of the said market to be paid to the superintendents thereof for the time being and the other half thereof to the person or persons who shall prosecute within one month after the offense shall be committed.

(Section II.) Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend to any person selling within his or her own dwelling-house or to any person not a victualler or butcher bringing any provisions aforesaid from any distance greater than five miles from the said township, or to the selling or offering to sale while alive, any cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, goats, kids or hogs, nor to any such sale made at a greater distance than two miles northward of the north side of Vine street in the city of Philadelphia.

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