

such expenses according to the principles aforesaid such counties may be severally liable to.

[Section XVIII.] (Section XIX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any keeper of the said common prison of the city and county of Philadelphia or any of his deputies or assistants shall suffer any spirituous liquors, except as is before excepted, to be introduced into the places so reserved for the employment of felons at hard labor or shall willingly suffer any communication between the men and women felons so confined or shall ask, demand or receive of or from any person whatsoever by color of his office or under any pretence whatever any sum or sums of money or other fee, gratuity or reward other than the salaries and allowances hereinbefore mentioned, he or they on conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine of ten pounds to be applied to the purchase of materials, tools and implements for the labor and employment of the said felons in the manner by this act directed for the support and maintenance of such felons.

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The Act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed April 5, 1790, Chapter 1516.

CHAPTER MCDX.

AN ACT FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL COLLECTION OF THE POOR TAX IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, THE DISTRICT OF SOUTHWARK AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF MOYAMENSING AND THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES AND TO PROVIDE IN A MORE CONVENIENT AND SALUTARY MANNER FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF DISORDERLY PERSONS, FOUND AND APPREHENDED IN THE SAID CITY, DISTRICT AND TOWNSHIPS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by the eventual operation of an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the better employment of the poor of the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, the townships of Moyamensing, Passayunk and the Northern Liberties,' and to revive and perpetu-

ate an act entitled 'An act for the relief of the poor and for repealing two other acts herein mentioned,'¹ the overseers of the poor of the city of Philadelphia, district of Southwark and townships of Moyamensing and of the Northern Liberties by the corporate style and name of "The Guardians of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia" have become invested with all and singular the powers, authorities, rights, claims, demands, interest and estate, real and personal and mixed which were of a certain corporation heretofore known by the name of "The Contributors to the relief and employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia":

And whereas the said guardians of the poor in the city of Philadelphia are by the said recited act required and directed half-yearly to appoint six of their members to superintend the almshouse and house of employment and to exercise and perform all the authorities of the former managers of the said institution. And it is further therein declared that the said six persons so appointed shall, during their continuance as managers aforesaid, be exempted from all other duties of the offices of overseer of the poor and that the whole duties thereof shall be performed by the rest of the overseers.

And whereas it hath been represented that in consequence of the additional duties thus imposed upon the said overseers of the poor the business of their appointment hath been rendered burdensome and oppressive and the collection of the poor tax hath become difficult, precarious and inefficient:

And whereas it is expedient and reasonable that an adequate remedy should be provided for the evil complained of:

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 it shall and may be lawful for the said guardians of the poor in the city of Philadelphia from time to time to nominate, appoint, employ and pay one or more fit person or persons to be collector or collectors of

¹ Passed March 25, 1782, Chapter 962.

the poor tax and taxes, assessed or imposed or hereafter to be assessed or imposed upon the inhabitants of the said city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark and the townships of Moyamensing and the Northern Liberties for the use and benefit of the poor thereof, which said collector or collectors so to be nominated, appointed and employed shall with at least one surety to be with him or them joined, severally and respectively make and execute a bond or bonds unto the said guardians of the poor in a sum equal to double the amount of his or their duplicates with a condition or conditions thereunto severally annexed and underwritten for the true and faithful performance of all and singular the duties and services which shall or may lawfully be imposed upon and required from such collector or collectors respectively.

Provided nevertheless, That the compensation to be received for such collections by such collector or collectors shall not exceed five pounds per centum on the sums by them respectively received.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the collector or collectors to be appointed as aforesaid shall and may from time to time levy and raise from and upon all and every the said inhabitants of the said city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, the townships of Moyamensing and Northern Liberties and of and from their respective estates, chattels and effects, all such sum and sums of money as shall be lawfully assessed and imposed [upon] the said inhabitants respectively or their respective estates, chattels and effects for the use and benefit of the poor aforesaid in like manner and with like powers, jurisdiction and authority as they the said overseers of the poor of the city of Philadelphia heretofore might or could do and subject to all and singular the rules, regulations, proceedings, appeals, penalties and forfeitures to which the said overseers of the poor were by any law or laws heretofore subject in the business of levying and raising the said poor tax and taxes in manner aforesaid.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said guardians of the

poor in the city of Philadelphia shall nominate and appoint one of their board to act as treasurer under the like form and penalties with the treasurer to the house of employment, to whom the collector or collectors shall [pay over] once in every week, render an account of and concerning all such sums of money as they shall have respectively received for or on account of the said poor tax or taxes and the said treasurer shall give a receipt or receipts to the said collector or collectors for the sum or sums of money which he or they shall from time to time bring in and pay unto him as aforesaid which said receipt or receipts shall be good and sufficient discharge unto the said collector or collectors for so much money as may be herein respectively acknowledged and expressed to have been received by the said treasurer.

And whereas it hath been further represented that the commitment of disorderly persons found in the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, the townships of Moyamensing and Northern Liberties, to the almshouse or house of employment is inconvenient, improper and pernicious inasmuch as the said almshouse or house of employment is calculated for the accommodation of the poor and infirm and not for the reformation of the idle and profligate and the intermixture of persons who are sent thither as subjects of punishment with those who are admitted as objects of charity may be the means of extending the depravity of morals and manners which is ever fatal to the well being of society and the peace and order of government:

And whereas the laws of this commonwealth have provided for the establishment of a suitable workhouse in the county of Philadelphia for the confinement of disorderly persons of the said county other than those found in the said city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, the townships of Moyamensing and the Northern Liberties and it is not only expedient but also just that the maintenance and charge of disorderly persons found in the [said] last mentioned places should likewise be borne and defrayed by the said county of Philadelphia and that the said workhouse should be employed as the com-

mon receptacle of all vagabonds and disorderly persons found in the said county and therein duly apprehended and committed:

Therefore:

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every disorderly person and persons found and apprehended in the said city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, the townships of Moyamensing and Northern Liberties shall and may be from time to time lawfully committed to the said workhouse of the county of Philadelphia, by the like authority and shall be there kept and maintained in the same manner and the charge and expense thereof shall be borne and defrayed by the same means as are allowed, declared and provided in the case of disorderly persons, found and apprehended in any other place within the said county of Philadelphia.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act it shall not be lawful to commit any disorderly person or persons whatsoever unto the said house of employment and all such disorderly person or persons as have been at any time heretofore committed to the said house of employment and are now therein kept and maintained shall and they are hereby ordered and directed as soon as conveniently may be to be delivered by the said guardians of the poor unto the keeper of the said workhouse of the county of Philadelphia to be by him there kept and maintained in manner aforesaid.

[Section VII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much and no more of any law or laws of this commonwealth as is by this act altered and supplied shall be and the same is hereby repealed, annulled and made absolutely void.

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