

## CHAPTER MCDXLVIII.

## AN ACT IN FAVOR OF JOHN HOUSTON.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by a petition presented to this house by John Houston it is set forth that he was appointed surveyor of one of the districts in the late purchase, that after he had carried out one of his division lines and a considerable part of another and before he had executed one warrant, he received orders from the supreme executive council to desist, by means of which he has been subjected to very considerable expense and as the running of said lines is rendered useless, he hath prayed for relief in the premises, and it is just and reasonable that the expenses aforesaid be paid:

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 supreme executive council be and they are hereby authorized to draw an order on the treasurer of this state for the sum of eighty-eight pounds ten shillings in favor of John Houston, being the balance due him.

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## CHAPTER MCDXLIX.

AN ACT EMPOWERING MARY PINE TO DISPOSE OF BY WAY OF LOTTERY A CERTAIN LOT AND THE BUILDINGS THEREON ERECTED TOGETHER WITH A COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS AND PRINTS LATELY THE PROPERTY OF HER DECEASED HUSBAND ROBERT EDGE PINE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it has been represented to this house, that Robert Edge Pine, now deceased, did in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four remove with his

family from London in the kingdom of Great Britain to the city of Philadelphia and brought with him a large and valuable collection of original historical paintings, drawings and designs, that the said Robert Edge Pine purchased a lot of ground in Eighth Street, between Market and Arch Streets and erected a building thereon for the purposes of exhibiting the said collection and of carrying on his business as a painter, that the expenses incident to such an undertaking involved him in debts and difficulties from which he was prevented by death from extricating himself by the exertions of his abilities and industry:

And whereas Mary Pine widow and executrix of the said Robert Edge Pine is under the necessity of selling not only the said lot and buildings but also the said collection of paintings, engravings and designs by way of lottery for the purpose of paying off and satisfying the demands against her as executrix of her late husband:

And whereas it is as well the wish of this house as of a number of respectable citizens that said collection of paintings should not be sent from this continent in order to be sold but that the same should be disposed of in the United States:

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 John Jones, Francis Hopkinson, George Meade, Walter Stewart, Charles Heatly, John Vaughan and Temple Franklin shall be and they are hereby nominated and appointed managers and directors of a lottery hereby instituted and directed to be drawn, for the preparing and disposing of tickets, and to oversee the drawing of the same and to order and perform all such other matters and things as are hereinafter directed and appointed by such managers and directors to be done and performed. And that the said managers or any three of them shall meet together at tion of the adventures in the said lottery as soon as the draw-cution of the powers and trust reposed in them by this act and shall cause a set of books to be prepared for the purpose of

keeping the accounts, which books shall be open to the inspection of the adventures in the said lottery as soon as the drawing of the same shall be finished and completed, and they shall cause to be printed off eleven hundred tickets, numbered one, two, three and so onwards in arithmetical progression to the number of [eleven hundred] and that every of the last mentioned tickets shall be signed by at least two of the managers aforesaid and shall have written or printed thereupon, beside the number of such ticket and the year of our Lord, the following words, viz: "Pine's Lottery, this ticket entitles the bearer to such prize as may be drawn against its number, if demanded within nine months after the drawing is finished."

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said managers shall have full power and authority to sell and dispose of to such person or persons as shall choose to adventure in the said lottery the said tickets at the rate of ten Spanish milled dollars for each ticket. And the said managers shall cause to be published in at least two of the public newspapers of Philadelphia the plan of said lottery and the number and appraised value of the respective prizes to which the fortunate adventurers may become entitled.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said managers or a majority of them shall cause duplicates of the tickets to be carefully rolled up and fastened with silk or thread and to be put into a box, prepared for that purpose, which box shall be sealed with the several seals of the said managers, and on a day and hour to be appointed, of which days' public notice shall be given in at least two of the public newspapers of this city, they shall cause the said box to be unsealed and opened and the tickets in the said box being in the presence of the said managers and such of the said adventurers as shall think proper to attend well shaken and mixed, some one indifferent and fit person to be appointed and directed by the said managers or a majority of them shall draw out and take the tickets from the said box which shall be handed to the said managers who shall read the same aloud and immediately

after shall in like manner pronounce the prize to which each ticket shall be entitled, according to the plan to be published by the said managers, which said tickets so drawn shall be filed and the same entered in the book of the said managers, and if any dispute shall arise in adjusting the property of the said fortunate tickets, the said managers or a majority of them shall adjudge to whom it doth or ought to belong, and the said managers and all other persons concerned in conducting or drawing the said lottery, in buying or selling tickets or in any other manner promoting the same, are hereby declared free and exonerated from all fines and penalties inflicted by any law of this state on any person or persons who shall draw, promote, or encourage any lottery within this commonwealth, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

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## CHAPTER MCDL.

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AN ACT FOR VESTING IN JAMES RUMSEY, ESQUIRE, THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE OF MAKING, USING AND VENDING DIVERS ENGINES, MACHINES AND DEVICES BY HIM INVENTED OR IMPROVED, FOR A TERM OF YEARS THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas James Rumsey of Berkley county in Virginia hath represented to this house that he hath invented or improved divers engines, machines and devices hereinafter particularly mentioned upon principles and constructions not before used and by actual experiments hath demonstrated the practicability and utility thereof, which engines, machines and devices are called by the following names and known by the following distinguishing characters, viz:

Rumsey's boilers, for the more ample and easy generating of steam by enclosing a small quantity of water in incurvated tubes or in several connected receivers or projections placed in a furnace, whereby the action of fire is communicated to the