

shall in the meantime be ceded to and vested in the United States by the state or states respectively in which the same may be, together with the lands and tenements thereunto belonging and together with the jurisdiction of the same:"

And whereas by the constitution of the United States the congress thereof are vested with the power of regulating the commerce of the Union and it is necessary that the jurisdiction, property and control of the light-houses, beacons, buoys and public piers should be ceded and vested in them for the purpose of carrying such power into complete effect:

[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 all the right, title, property and interest of this commonwealth in and to the light-house at Cape Henlopen and all the beacons, buoys and public piers now erected, placed or sunk in the bay and river Delaware for the improvement and safety of the navigation thereof and for rendering the same more easy and convenient, together with all the lands and tenements thereunto belonging shall be and hereby are ceded to and vested in the United States of America as fully, absolutely and to the same extent as this commonwealth now holds and is entitled [in and] to the same, together with the jurisdiction thereof so far as this commonwealth hath or had right to exercise jurisdiction over the whole or any part of the same. Provided nevertheless, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed, deemed or taken to extend to or include Mud Island in the river Delaware or any part thereof or the wharves or any of them which are built out and extended therefrom.

Passed September 28, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 20.

CHAPTER MCDLIV.

AN ACT RELATING TO DRAWBACKS AND DISCOUNTS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by several acts of the general

assembly of this commonwealth divers duties were imposed on goods, wares and merchandise to be paid on the importation thereof into this state, and by the said act it is provided, that in all cases where any goods, wares or merchandise charged with an impost or duty by any acts of the general assembly of this state and imported after the twenty-fifth day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three should be exported within the time and under the conditions in the said acts expressed, "the whole of the said duty (if before paid) should be returned within one month after exportation or if bonded it should be allowed out of such bond:"

And whereas Sharp Delany, Esquire, was by an act of the general assembly of this state appointed collector of the imposts and duties by the said several acts imposed:

And whereas by an act of the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America entitled "An act for laying a duty on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States" the duties and imposts laid by the several acts of assembly of this state ceased to be due and payable from and after the first day of August last past, and the merchants of the port of Philadelphia are in possession of divers goods, wares and merchandise imported before that day for which the duties and imposts then payable to the collector have been paid or secured and the said merchants are daily exporting the same in the course of their trade, but doubts have been entertained whether the said Sharp Delany continues to be the collector of the said duties and imposts on goods, wares and merchandise imported into this state before the said first day of August last and whether he is bound to pay or discount the said duties paid or secured on such of the same goods, wares and merchandise as have been or shall be exported since that day:

[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 the said Sharp Delany is and continues to be the collector of the duties and imposts upon goods, wares and merchandise imported into this state

before the said first day of August [last] imposed by the several acts of the general assembly of this commonwealth upon the importation thereof and that he or his successor in the said office is and are bound to collect and receive the duties and imposts aforesaid upon all goods, wares and merchandise imported into this state on or before the said first day of August last, and to account for the same and to pay and discount the drawbacks upon exportation thereof in the same manner and upon the same terms and conditions as in the several acts of assembly in such case provided are mentioned and contained. And also that Frederick Phile, Esquire, is and continues to be the naval officer of this state so far as concerns any such goods, wares and merchandise aforesaid.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all export enteries which have been offered to the said Sharp Delany, Esquire, since the said first day of August last conformably to the aforesaid impost acts, shall upon being sworn or affirmed to and the other requisites of the said laws being complied with be of equal avail and effect as if the same had been received by the said collector at the time of offering the same.

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CHAPTER MCDLV.

AN ACT FOR REGULATING CERTAIN ELECTION DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTIES OF WESTMORELAND AND ALLEGHENY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the boundary lines of the county of Allegheny which have been lately run and marked so far as they have extended through the county of Westmoreland have divided several of the election districts in such manner that the places appointed for holding the elections in said districts are included within the boundaries of the said county of Allegheny and those parts of the said districts which remain within the county of Westmoreland are left without any