

## CHAPTER MDXX.

AN ACT FOR RAISING BY WAY OF LOTTERY THE SUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS FOR REDEEMING THE HOUSE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP BELONGING TO THE HEBREW CONGREGATION, OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FROM THE MORTGAGE AND ENCUMBRANCE THEREON.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it hath been represented to this assembly that the house of public worship belonging to the members of the Hebrew congregation of the city of Philadelphia is now under execution upon several judgments for the payment of the sum of eight hundred pounds and which they are unable to discharge without the permission of the legislature to raise the aforesaid sum by lottery:

And whereas it is just and proper that all religious societies should be protected so far as is consistent with the principles of the constitution of this commonwealth:

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 Manuel Josephson, Solomon Lyon, William Wistar, John Duffield, Samuel Hayes and Solomon Etting be and they are hereby appointed managers and directors of the lottery hereby instituted and directed to be drawn for the preparing and disposing of tickets to oversee the drawing of the lots and to order and perform all such other matters and things as are hereinafter directed and appointed to be done and performed and that the said managers or any four of them shall meet together at some convenient place to be by them appointed for the execution of the powers and trusts reposed in them by this act and shall cause proper books to be prepared in which each leaf shall be divided into three columns upon the innermost of which shall be printed two thousand one hundred and sixty tickets, numbered one, two, three, and so onwards in arithmetical progression where

the common excess is but one until they rise to the number two thousand one hundred and sixty, upon the outside column there shall be printed the like number of tickets of the same breadth and form and numbered in like manner and in the middle column shall be printed a third set of tickets of the same number with those of the two other columns, which tickets shall be joined with oblique lines or devices in such manner as the said managers shall direct and [after] (sic.) of the last mentioned tickets shall have written or printed thereupon (besides the number of such tickets and the year of our Lord) the following words, viz., "Hebrew Congregation 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 subject to a deduction of twenty-five per cent."

[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 tickets of the middle column aforesaid at the rate of four dollars each for ready money and not otherwise and upon the receipt of such sum of four dollars shall deliver to the said adventurer one of the said tickets signed by one of the said managers and cut out of the said books through the said oblique lines and devices indentwise to be kept [and used] for the better ascertaining his, her or their interest in the said tickets.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the greater security of the adventurers and punctual payment of the prizes that shall be drawn in the said lottery the said managers shall pay weekly into the bank of North America all the moneys received by them for tickets sold for which they shall receive from the said bank for the purpose in this act mentioned as are usually given by there shall be printed the like number of tickets of the same said bank for other moneys deposited therein.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for enabling the said mana-

gers to pay off the prizes as they are severally drawn and for discharging the incidental expenses attending the management and drawing of said lottery orders shall be drawn on the said bank by one or more of the said managers in checks provided for that purpose expressing that such drafts are on account of such lottery.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That as soon as the tickets of the middle column shall be sold the said managers or any four or more of them shall cause all the tickets of the extreme column in the said books, the same being cut out indentwise through the said oblique lines or devices, to be carefully rolled up and made fast with silk or thread and shall cause them to be put into a box to be prepared for that purpose marked with the letter A and to be immediately after sealed with the several seals of the said managers until the said tickets are to be drawn as is hereinafter mentioned, but the tickets of the innermost column shall remain in the said book for the discovering any mistake or fraud if such should happen to be committed contrary to the meaning of this act.

[Section VI.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said managers or any four or more of them shall also prepare or cause to be prepared two thousand one hundred and sixty prize tickets on which shall be written or expressed, as well in figures as in words at length as follows, that is to say: Upon one of them one thousand dollars, upon one other of them five hundred dollars, upon one other of them three hundred dollars, upon one other of them two hundred dollars, upon one other of them one hundred dollars, upon ten others of them severally fifty dollars, upon four others of them severally forty dollars, upon eight others of them severally thirty dollars, upon sixteen others of them severally twenty dollars, upon thirty others of them severally ten dollars, upon seventy-two others of them severally five dollars, and upon two thousand and thirteen others of them severally two dollars, and put the same prizes into a box marked B, which principal sums so to be expressed upon the said tick-

ets will amount in the whole to the sum of eight thousand and twenty-six dollars out of which the said managers are hereby authorized and required to deduct twenty-five per centum and no more amounting in the whole to eight hundred pounds, the sum intended to be raised by this act for the purposes therein mentioned and specified.

[Section VII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said managers or any four or more of them shall cause the said boxes with all the ticketes therein to be carried to some public and convenient room in the city of Philadelphia by ten o'clock in the forenoon on some certain day to be by them appointed and placed on a stage or table, and shall then and there severally attend this service and cause the two boxes to be unsealed and opened and the tickets or lots being in presence of the managers and such of the adventurers as shall think proper to attend well shaken and mixed together in each box, some one fit and indifferent person to be appointed by the said managers shall draw one ticket from the box A in which the said numbered tickets shall have been put as aforesaid and one other indifferent and fit person appointed and directed in like manner shall at the same time draw one ticket or lot from the box B in which the said two thousand one hundred and sixty prize tickets shall have been promiscuously put as aforesaid and the tickets so drawn shall be immediately opened and the number of the ticket drawn from the box A and the value of the prize drawn out of the box B shall be called aloud and the number and prize shall be filed together and entered in books by clerks whom the managers are hereby authorized and empowered to employ and oversee for this purpose and so the drawing to continue by taking one ticket at a time out of each box and opening, calling aloud, filing and entering the same as before mentioned until the whole number of tickets and prizes aforesaid shall be drawn and if the drawing aforesaid cannot be performed in one day the said managers shall cause the said boxes to be sealed up in manner aforesaid and adjourn until the next day and so from day to day (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) until the drawing shall be finished and completed as aforesaid,

and the tickets so drawn shall remain in the custody of the managers.

[Section VIII.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That as soon as the drawing is finished the books of the several clerks compared and lists made out therefrom the managers shall cause a list of the numbers and prizes to be published in two English and one German newspaper, printed in the city of Philadelphia and immediately thereafter proceed to the payment of the prize money and if any dispute shall arise in adjusting the property of any of the said prizes the managers shall determine to whom it doth or ought to belong.

[Section IX.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any of the adventurers shall neglect to apply to the said managers for the sum due on his, her or their tickets respectively within the space of nine months after the publication of the prize list, such sum or sums of money so due to him, her or them shall be applied to the uses, intents and purposes to which the sum hereby intended to be raised is ordered to be appropriated and applied.

[Section X.] Provided always and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That before any of the [said] managers shall take upon himself the duties and offices hereby enjoined or any clerk employed by the said managers shall act in such employment they and each of them shall respectively before the mayor, or one of the aldermen of the city of Philadelphia take the following oath or affirmation, viz: I, A. B., do swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the trust reposed in me and that I will not use or permit or direct any person to use any indirect act or means to obtain a greater or more fortunate prize either for myself or any other person whatsoever and that I will to the best of my judgment declare to whom any prize, lot or ticket of right does belong according to the true intent and meaning of the act of assembly entitled "An act for raising by way of lottery the sum of eight hundred pounds for redeeming the House of Public Worship belonging to the Hebrew congregation of the city of Philadelphia from the mortgage and encumbrance thereon."

[Section XI.] (Section XII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the moneys arising from the lottery hereby instituted shall be and hereby are appropriated to the discharge of the judgments now in force and operation against the said Hebrew congregation and to and for no other use and purpose whatsoever.

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