

prayed that his ferry may be established by law, and the right thereof vested in him, his heirs and assigns.

[Section I.] (Section I. P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for Christian Seltzer, his heirs and assigns, from and after the passing of this act, to make, or cause to be made, at his or their own proper cost or charge, good and convenient landings on both sides of the Swatara creek, on the main road leading from the borough of Reading, through the town of Williamsburg, in the county of Dauphin, and shall at all times hereafter maintain the same in good order and repair, fit for men, horses and carriages, to pass and re-pass, and further, Christian Seltzer, his heirs and assigns, shall provide and maintain a good and substantial boat or boats, and careful ferrymen, who shall duly and constantly, as occasion may require, attend, for the purpose of transporting travellers over the said creek, which ferry shall be subject to such rules, rates and regulations as the legislature in future may direct and appoint. Provided always, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to vest in Christian Seltzer, his heirs and assigns, a right to land any boat or boats upon any landing belonging to any other person or persons, without their consent first had and obtained.

Passed March 28, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 141.

CHAPTER MDXL.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE DIRECTORS OF THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA TO CONVEY AND ASSURE THE LOT OF GROUND THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas it appears to the general assembly, That Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, formerly proprietors of Pennsylvania, by their patent, bearing date the seventeenth

day of January, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, granted to the Library Company of Philadelphia, and their successors, a certain lot of ground, situated in the city of Philadelphia, between the eighth and ninth streets from Delaware, bounded northward by Chestnut street, eastward by a lot of ground, late of John Salkeld, southward and westward by vacant ground, containing in length, north and south, two hundred and fifty-five feet, and in breadth, east and west, sixty feet, for the purpose of erecting thereon a library, with other necessary buildings and accommodations. And whereas a commodious building for the same purpose having since been erected, at the proper cost of the said library, in a more convenient situation, the directors of the said library company have, by a by-law, enacted, pursuant to their charter, on the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, been duly authorized to dispose of the real estate belonging to the said corporation, and appropriate the moneys arising therefrom towards defraying the expense of erecting the said building and though the descendants of the said Thomas Penn and Richard Penn have acquiesced in the sale of the above mentioned lot, for the purposes aforesaid, yet doubts have been entertained whether a sufficient title can be made to the purchaser or purchasers, and the directors of the said library company having by their petition prayed the aid of the legislature therein:

[Section I.] (Section I. P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia, for the time being, and their successors in office, duly appointed, according to the charter and by-laws of the said corporation, shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to sell, and by deed or deeds under their common seal convey and assure, the lot of ground herein before described, with the appurtenances, as fully and effectually, as if no special trust or purpose had been set forth or declared in the grant thereof. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to bar or defeat any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, of any

right or title, interest, claim or demand, which they may have in or to the said lot of ground, or any part thereof.

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CHAPTER MDXLI.

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING A NIGHTLY WATCH, PROVIDING LAMPS, AND SUPPORTING PUMPS, FOR PUBLIC USE, AT A COMMON CHARGE, WITHIN A CERTAIN PART OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Whereas the inhabitants of that part of the township of the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, which lies between the middle of Fourth street and the river Delaware, and between Vine street and Pegg's run, have, by their petition to the legislature, represented, that from the increase of population, buildings and improvements, great inconveniences are sustained, which are likely to increase, from the want of proper regulations in respect to lighting and watching their streets by night, and supporting, at a common charge, a suitable number of pumps, within the said division of the Northern Liberties:

[Section I.] (Section I. P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in general Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the freeholders and taxable inhabitants of that part of the township of the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, which lies between the middle of Fourth street and the river Delaware, and between Vine street and Pegg's run, shall meet on the last Monday in April, at the house now occupied by John Stricker, and shall then and there elect, by majority of votes, two persons, to conduct the election to be then and there holden, of inspectors of the election hereinafter directed, and when the said assistants shall be so chosen, they shall proceed to hold an election by the ballot of the freeholders and taxable inhabitants of the said division of the township aforesaid, for two freeholders,