

CHAPTER MMMXXXIV.

AN ACT GIVING ADDITIONAL POWERS TO, AND CHANGING THE MODE OF APPOINTMENT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE PRISON IN PHILADELPHIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 inspectors of the prison of the city and county of Philadelphia in addition to the powers they already possess, shall have authority to choose out of their own body, a president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the institution and pay the same upon the orders of the board, signed by the president, and attested by the secretary; his accounts shall be settled every two weeks by the board of inspectors who shall be and hereby are authorized in the name of the president to sue for, and recover possession by action of ejectment or otherwise of the vacant lots, the property of the commonwealth in the city of Philadelphia, unimproved by the state or any of them which were by an act⁽¹⁾ of assembly, passed the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, directed to be sold by the inspectors aforesaid, and also in such name to sue for, and recover such debts as are now due or may hereafter become due to the prison of the city and county of Philadelphia, as fully and effectually as any body corporate may or can do, and no suit so brought shall be discontinued or abated by any change of the said persons by the appointment of others in their stead, but the same shall continue and proceed to the final issue.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the court of quarter sessions of the peace, in, and for the county of Philadelphia, shall at their sessions in March, annually appoint three discreet and

suitable persons as auditors, who shall under oath or affirmation, audit and settle the accounts of the inspectors of the prison, subject nevertheless to the revision hereinafter mentioned, stating at large the receipts and disbursements of all monies which may have been received and expended by them, and publish the same in two of the daily newspapers, printed and published in the city of Philadelphia.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, in a joint meeting on the first Monday in May next, to elect by ballot three inspectors, and on the first Monday in November in like manner, to elect three inspectors who shall be taxable inhabitants of the said city; and it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the township of the Northern Liberties, on the said first Mondays in May and November, to elect by ballot two inspectors, who shall be taxable inhabitants of the said township of the Northern Liberties; and it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the district of Southwark on the said first Mondays in May and November, to elect two inspectors, who shall be taxable inhabitants of the said district of Southwark, and it shall be the duty of the select and common councils and the commissioners of the Northern Liberties, and the commissioners of the district of Southwark, on the first Mondays in May and November annually, between the hours of two and five o'clock in the afternoon, to elect their inspectors as aforesaid, a majority of whom shall constitute a board of inspectors for the prison of the city and county of Philadelphia: Provided, that those now in office shall continue therein until the expiration of the term for which they were respectively appointed.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the treasurer shall give bond with sufficient surety in the sum of ten thousand dollars, to the board of inspectors, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, to be sued for and recovered in the name

of the inspectors, on forfeiture thereof to the use of the institution, and the said treasurer shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for his services.

Section V. (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said inspectors shall annually appoint three of their own body, whose especial duty it shall be to inspect the accounts of the institution, and who shall furnish under oath or affirmation, on the first week in January annually, to the commissioners of such counties as may have become indebted for convicts confined in the prison of Philadelphia, a correct account current, accurately designating the value and amount of the weekly expenses incurred for the maintenance of said prisoners; and that in their opinion the charges therein contained are just and equitable, and also of the weekly amount and value of the labor performed by them, which account shall be certified by the president of the board of inspectors and attested by their clerk.

Section VI. (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such part or parts of any law as is or are hereby altered and supplied, be, and the same is, and are hereby repealed.

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Note (*). Chapter 2388; 17 Statutes at Large, p. 469.

CHAPTER MMMXXXV.

AN ACT TO ENABLE VICTOR MOREAU TO HOLD A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS BY HIM PURCHASED.

Whereas it appears that General Victor Moreau has for several years last past resided in the United States, and now intends to fix his residence in Pennsylvania: That for this purpose he has contracted to purchase an estate in the borough of Morrisville, situate on the banks of the river Delaware, in Bucks county, nearly opposite Trenton, that at the