

books of the bank that may tend to elucidate their enquiry and the committee having performed such duty, shall report to their respective houses the result of such examination.

Section VIII. (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act and the corporation hereby created, shall be and continue until the first day of May, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four: Provided always, that for the liquidation and settlement of all the transactions and accounts of the said company, the corporate powers thereof shall be and continue in force until the same shall be fully liquidated and settled.

Section IX. (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons who shall print, sign, or pass, or be concerned in the printing, signing, or passing any counterfeit note, or notes, bill, or bills, of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, knowing them to be such, or who shall alter or be concerned in the altering of any genuine note or notes, bill or bills, of the said bank, and shall be convicted thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the jail or penitentiary house of Philadelphia, for any term not less than four, nor more than fifteen years, and shall be kept, treated and dealt with in all respects as is prescribed by the act entitled "An act to reform the penal laws of this state," passed the fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety,⁽¹⁾ and also to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Approved March 16, 1809. Recorded in L. B. No. 11, p. 292.

Note (1). Chapter 1516; 13 Statutes at Large, p. 511.

CHAPTER MMMXLIX.

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DISTILLING AND BOILING OF TURPENTINE AND OIL, AND THE MANUFACTURING OF VARNISH, WITHIN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA AND ITS NEIGHBORHOOD.

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 from and after the first day of May next, no person shall distil or boil any turpentine or oil, or manufacture or boil any varnish in any house, shop, cellar or other place to the eastward of Tenth street, in the city of Philadelphia, or within the district of Southwark, or within that part of the township of Moyamensing situate between South street, Seventh street, and the Passyunk road, or within the incorporated limits of the Northern Liberties, and including the village called Spring Garden, unless the said distilling, boiling or manufacturing be carried on in an open place at least thirty feet distant from any building, vessel of commerce or other property which might be injured thereby, or in a completely fire proof building, the sufficiency of which fire proof shall be determined and agreed upon by at least five respectable master bricklayers of the said city, who shall certify the same under their hands, under the penalty of forfeiting the whole quantity of the articles so distilled, boiled or manufactured, together with the sum of two hundred dollars for every such offense.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any alderman of the said city, or any justice of the peace in the district of Southwark, the township of the Northern Liberties, or the township of Moyamensing aforesaid, respectively, on information lodged and demand made by any person showing a reasonable cause on oath or affirmation, shall issue his warrant under his hand and seal, empowering any constable of the said city or district or proper township, to search any house, shop, cellar or other place within the limits aforesaid, where the said articles are alleged to be distilled, boiled or manufactured, and the said constable upon finding such distillery, boiling of oil or manufacture to be then going on, may seize and remove the said articles therefrom within the space of twenty-four hours, to some safe and convenient place, and therein detain the same until it be determined in the proper court whether the same be forfeited or not, by virtue of this act.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the penalties and forfeitures mentioned in this act may be recovered as debts of equal amount are by law recoverable, with costs of suit, the one moiety of which penalties and forfeitures shall go to the guardians of the poor of the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, and the township of the Northern Liberties, or to the overseers of the poor of the township of Moyamensing, respectively, accordingly as the said seizure was made within the said city or district, or either of the townships aforesaid, and the other moiety to the informer or prosecutor who shall sue for the same.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any suit or action be commenced and prosecuted against any person or persons for anything done in pursuance of this act, every such person or persons may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, and if a verdict shall pass for the defendant or the plaintiff become nonsuit or discontinue his action, or if on demurrer or otherwise judgment shall be given against the plaintiff, the defendant shall recover treble costs.

Approved March 16, 1809. Recorded in L. B. No. 11, p. 299.

CHAPTER MMML.

AN ACT ALLOWING FURTHER TIME TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF LUZERNE COUNTY FOR THE REPAYMENT OF CERTAIN MONIES DUE THE COMMONWEALTH.

Whereas by an act of the legislature, passed the nineteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven,⁽¹⁾ there was granted to the Trustees of Wilkesbarre Academy, the sum of two thousand dollars, being part of four thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars, due from the county of Luzerne to this commonwealth, upon condition that the commissioners of said county should pay into the state treas-