

and interests of the College, Academy and Charitable School of the city of Philadelphia, and to amend and alter the charters thereof, conformably to the revolution and the constitution of this commonwealth, and to erect the same into an University,\* the word College was, through mistake, inserted in the sixteenth section thereof, instead of the word University, by reason whereof the authority intended to be vested in two Justices of the Peace by said act to proceed, in a summary way, against persons refusing to deliver up to the Trustees of the said University, upon demand, the library, apparatus, mortgages, specialties, deeds or instruments, or other papers or books of record, or real estate of the said University, in custody or possession of such persons so refusing, may be disputed, and prove insufficient for the purposes designed by the Legislature: For remedy whereof,

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[\* Ante. chap. 860, pa. 474.]

II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted,* That the said act shall be construed and taken for the benefit and relief of the Trustees of the said University, as fully as if the said University was named in the said sixteenth paragraph, in the stead and place of the word College, and the said Justices shall proceed accordingly.

The word College to be construed University.

III. And whereas an error in form hath been discovered in the date of an act of Assembly, entitled *A Supplement to an act entitled An Act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in the commonwealth; and for more effectually discovering the same; and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereon*, by writing the word April at the foot of the record of the said act, instead of the word March, which, by the minutes of the General Assembly, recourse being thereunto had, appears to be the month wherein the said law was enacted; and advantage may perhaps be taken, from the error last mentioned, to weaken or elude the operation of the last recited act: For remedy whereof,

IV. *Be it further enacted,* That the last recited act shall have the same and equal effect and operation, as if the word March had been written at the foot of the said record, in the place where the word April has been erroneously written as aforesaid; and that all sales, transfers, leases, acts and proceedings whatsoever, had, made, suffered or done, under the said act of Assembly, shall be deemed as valuable and effectual in the law, to all intents and purposes, as if the said error or mistake had not been made.

The word March to have like effect as April. [Ante. chap. 821, pa. 467.]

Passed 16th March, 1780.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 365.

## CHAPTER DCCCLXXXVI.

*An ACT to render the revenue arising from the excise on wine and spirits, and on licences to be granted to public houses, effective, and equal to the public necessities.*

SECTION VIII. And whereas the great profits and advantages of late gained by the keepers of inns, taverns, ale-houses, and retailers of wine, rum and other spirits, will easily admit that the

1780. public income, arising from licences to be granted to such persons, may be augmented to a rate in some degree proportioned to the increased prices of goods, merchandize and tavern charges, in order to answer the salaries necessary to be given to public officers :

Duty on tavern licences to be paid as fees of officers, and bond given accordingly.

[\* Ante. pa. 73, chap. 172.]

Repeal of former laws.

[† Chap. 414.]

Except, &c.

IX. *Be it therefore enacted*, That, from and after the ninth day of August next, the money directed to be paid for such licences by the act of Assembly of the late province of Pennsylvania, entitled *An Act that no public house or inn within this province shall be kept without licence, and the security directed to be given by tavern-keepers and other's, in one hundred pounds, before such licences be issued*,\* shall be taken in a sum equivalent to the augmented price of such licence, and shall be deemed to be money of the value of ten shillings for a bushel of wheat, and estimated, collected, satisfied and paid, in like manner as the fees of certain officers, as aforesaid.

X. *And be it further enacted*, That an act of Assembly of this commonwealth, entitled *An Act to increase the fees on tavern licences, the fines on tipping houses, and the rates of excise*,† passed on the fifteenth day of March, which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, and every thing therein contained (saving the treble rates thereby laid upon tavern licences, which shall continue till the said ninth day of August next) shall, from and after the said first day of May next, be repealed and made void.

Passed 17th March, 1780.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 367. (e)

(e) By an act passed Sept. 21st, 1791. (post. chap. 1571.) all the acts for imposing and collecting an excise, were repealed (except as to prior duties and forfeitures,) and all the sections of this act, not printed, related to the excise. Other acts relating to the excise are chap. 672, 713, 732, 927, 1050, 1150. (See the titles of repealed acts.)

For a general reference to the acts respecting taverns, and tavern licences see ante pa. 74. notes to chap. 172.

The rate of tavern licences doubled post. chap. 1005.

The provision in the case of the officers, referred to in sect. 9, was contained in the act of 27th November, 1779, (chap. 864) since repealed.

## CHAPTER DCCCXC.

*An ACT to enable William Clingan, Thomas Bull, John Kinkead, Roger Kirk, John Sellers, John Wilson and Joseph Davis, to build a new court-house and prison in the county of Chester, and sell the old court-house and prison in the borough of Chester.* (f)

WHEREAS it has been represented to this House, that the holding of the Courts of General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, Common Pleas, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, for the county of Chester, in the borough of Chester, is very inconvenient and burthensome to a great part of the inhabitants of the said county, as the situation of said borough is at an extreme corner of said county; and that it would be very commo-

(f) For various subsequent acts on this subject, and relating to the counties of Chester and Delaware, see post.

chap. 1070, 1141, 1204, 1236, 1324, 1432, [Delaware county established.]