

# ACTS

OF THE

## General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

Passed at a Session, which commenced May 10th, 1780,  
and ended June 1st, 1780.

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JOSEPH REED, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.  
JOHN BAYARD, SPEAKER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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### CHAPTER DCCCXCIX.

*A further SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled An act for regulating and continuing the nightly watch; enlightening the streets, lanes and alleys in the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned; and to an act which is a supplement thereto, passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.*

[See the original act, chap. 636, ante, pa. 350,] and chap. 717.

\*chap. 635.

WHEREAS by an act, as a further supplement to the aforesaid acts of General Assembly, passed the fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine;\* by reason of the increase of watchmen and workmen's wages, excessive high price of oil and materials, it was found expedient and necessary that further provision should be made to enable the Wardens and Assessors of the city of Philadelphia to raise and levy an additional tax, not exceeding six pence in the pound, on the inhabitants, and on all the estates; real and personal, and to authorize their treasurer to receive the rents and income of the market-houses, ferries, wharves and public landing places, within the bounds and limits of the said city, to the end, the difficulties under which the Wardens then laboured might be in some measure removed, and the nightly watch, so necessary, might be kept up and continued: And as the said recited act expires with the present sitting of the General Assembly, the same difficulties would again occur: For remedy whereof,

Power of the Wardens to

II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted,* That from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the Wardens of the

said city to let or demise the market houses, ferries, wharves, and public landing places; and they, with the Assessors of the said city, to raise and levy an additional rate, not exceeding six pence in the pound, on the inhabitants, and on all estates real and personal, and taxables within the city of Philadelphia; to be levied and collected in the same manner, by the same persons, and for the same uses, as directed in and by two several acts of General Assembly, the one passed the ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, and the other passed the sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, for regulating and continuing the nightly watch, enlightening the streets, lanes and alleys of the city of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned, over and above the rates and sums of money thereby authorized to be raised, levied and collected; and to authorize their Treasurer to receive the rents of the market houses, ferries, wharves and public landing places, and all other the incomes, fines, forfeitures and emoluments, which were formerly received by the treasurer of the Mayor and Commonalty of the city of Philadelphia.

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III. *And be it enacted*, That the clerk of the market, for the time being, shall collect the rents of the market houses, stalls and stands in the market places, as they become due, quarterly and in arrear, and after deducting the costs and charges of repair, (to be allowed of by the said Wardens) and his accustomed fees for collecting, shall pay the overplus, together with the monies already collected for rent, and in his hands, to the treasurer of the Wardens and Assessors for the time being (whose receipt, which he is hereby required to give, shall be a sufficient discharge for any sum of money so paid) under such penalty as the City Court of the city of Philadelphia shall judge proper to inflict.

Duty of the Clerk of the market.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That the owners and occupiers of the several ferries, wharves and public landing places, within the said city, shall from time to time pay their respective rents, as they become due, to the treasurer of the Wardens and Assessors of the city of Philadelphia, for the time being (whose receipt, which he is hereby required to give, shall be a sufficient discharge to him or them for the sum of money so paid) under the penalty of treble the amount of the said rents for every neglect or refusal.

Penalty on persons neglecting to pay rent.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That every other person who shall have or receive, or get into his custody or possession any monies, in virtue of this act, and neglect or refuse to pay the same to the Treasurer of the Wardens and Assessors, within ten days after the same shall come into his custody or possession, every such person shall, for every neglect or refusal, forfeit and pay treble the amount of such sum or sums of money so by him collected and received; and the said treasurer is hereby required to give receipt for the monies so by him received, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to the persons paying the same.

Penalty on persons receiving money by this act, and not paying in the same.

VI. *And be it further enacted*, That the monies which shall be received by the treasurer of the Wardens and Assessors aforesaid, by virtue of this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, shall be disposed of by the Wardens, or a majority of them, and applied to

Application of the monies to be received.

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\* Chap. 636.

VII. *And be it further enacted,* That the Wardens of the city of Philadelphia, for the time being, are hereby empowered to purchase a lot of ground on the north side of *Sassafras-street*, adjoining the public wharf at the end of the said street, on the river *Delaware*, in the said city, and to take a deed or deeds for the same in their names, as Wardens, for the use of the city of Philadelphia, to be annexed to, and made use of, as a public wharf, at the end of the said street, for such estate and estates, term or time, as the same can or may be legally granted and conveyed.

[Obsolete.]

[VIII. *Provided always, and be it enacted,* That nothing in this act shall extend, or be construed to extend, to the estate and interest formerly held by the Corporation of the city of Philadelphia, usually called the middle ferry on *Schuylkill*, for the space of one year, from the first day of *May*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, to the first day of *May*, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, unless the Wardens of the said city shall undertake and engage with the President or Vice-President in council, to keep and maintain, at their own expense, the bridge now erected over *Schuylkill*, in good repair, for the passage of men, horses and carriages, during the said term.

[Obsolete.]

IX. *And provided also,* That nothing herein contained shall extend to the annulling or making void any contract or engagement, made by the authority of the Supreme Executive Council, with the Quarter-Master General of the United States, for the passage of men, horses or carriages, in the immediate service of the United States.]

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