

CHAPTER MDCCCXVI.

1797.

An ACT for raising by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expenses of paving the streets in the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster.

SECT. 1. [COMMISSIONERS appointed to raise money, by way of lottery, to pave the streets of Lancaster. Application of the money. 2. The scheme of the lottery to be approved by the Governor, surety to be given by the Commissioners and Treasurer. 3. Prizes, when to be paid. 4. Qualification of the Commissioners, list of prizes to be published. 5. Accounts of the lottery, how to be settled. 6. Limitation for demanding prizes. 7. The money raised to be applied to paving the streets.]

Passed 9th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 157.

CHAPTER MDCCCXVIII.

A SUPPLEMENT to the Penal Laws of this State.

WHEREAS it frequently happens that persons, against whom indictments are presented by the grand inquests for the bodies of the respective counties throughout this commonwealth, are afterwards acquitted by a petit jury trying the truth of the same: And whereas, by the existing laws, a party so acquitted is equally liable to costs of prosecution as if he were convicted, which operates injustice, and a punishment to the innocent: For remedy whereof,

(See vol. 2, pa. 531, and the notes thereto.)

SECT. 1. *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 from and after the passing of this act, all costs accruing on all bills of indictment found by the grand jury of the city or any county in this commonwealth charging a party with any felony, breach of the peace, or other indictable offence, shall, if such party be acquitted by a petit jury, on the traverse of the same, be paid out of the county stock, by the city or county in which the prosecution commenced.

Costs, on an acquittal to be paid by the county.

Passed March 20th, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 159.

CHAPTER MDCCCXXII.

An ACT for the erection of certain election districts, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

SECT. 1. *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 freemen of the district of Southwark, the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, in the county of Philadelphia, shall from henceforth hold their general elections at the Commissioners' Hall, in the district of Southwark aforesaid.

Electors of Southwark, Moyamensing and Passyunk, where to elect.