

1797. his executors or administrators, if dead; upon which certification, or upon the neglect of the Brigade Inspector to make such examination, the responsibility attached to the field officer or his estate shall cease and be void.

Inspectors shall visit the places where arms are deposited.

Proceedings, in case of loss or embezzlement of arms.

Duty of the Quarter-Masters.

Second moiety of the arms, how to be distributed and kept.

Appropriation for the purchase of arms.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the Brigade Inspectors to visit the place or places in which the arms of the several battalions and regiments within their respective brigades are deposited, at least once in every six months, and at every such visit they shall carefully examine the condition and number of arms in each place of deposit; and if it shall appear to either of the said Inspectors, that any of the arms belonging to the regiments or battalions within his brigade are misplaced, lost or embezzled, he is hereby authorized and required to cause suits to be commenced against the person or persons, through whose neglect such loss, embezzlement or misconduct has arisen, so that the said arms may be restored or replaced without delay; and it shall be the duty of the Quarter-Master of each respective regiment (on notice from the Brigade-Inspector, which notice he is hereby required to give,) to attend at the examination made by the Inspector of the arms of the regiment to which the said Quarter-Master belongs; and he shall give to the said Inspector such information respecting the arms as the case may require, and shall aid and assist the Inspector in examining the same; and if any regimental Quarter-Master shall, after due notice given, neglect or refuse to attend at the time of such examination, or refuse to give such information as the case may require, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for every such neglect or refusal, to be recovered by the Brigade-Inspector in the same manner, and for the like uses, that the militia fines are directed to be applied.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as soon as the remaining moiety of arms are provided, they shall be distributed in the manner before mentioned, and the officers respectively shall be responsible for the same, in the manner herein provided respecting the first moiety of arms to be provided.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sum of two hundred and forty-thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purposes mentioned in this act, to be paid on warrants drawn by the Governor upon the Treasury of this commonwealth, out of the fund for the support of government.

Passed 28th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 182.

CHAPTER MDCCCXXX.

An ACT to authorize the Governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for erecting a bridge over the river Lehigh, near the town of Northampton.

SECT. 1. [COMMISSIONERS for receiving a subscription to build a bridge over Lehigh; form of the subscription. Payment to be made on subscribing. 2. Proceedings to obtain patents of incorporation. Style of the corporation to be "The President,

Managers and Company, for erecting a bridge over the river Lehigh, near the town of Northampton," with the usual corporate powers. 3. Proceedings to organize the corporation. Votes in proportion to the number of shares. 4. Meetings of the stockholders of the corporation. 5. Certificates of shares, how to be issued and transferred, 6. Of the meetings of the President and Managers, and their powers. 7. Penalty for not paying the instalments on the capital stock. 8. Accounts of the corporation how to be kept and inspected, and how the capital may be enlarged. 9. The property of the bridge vested in the corporation. Rates of toll established. Proviso, as to the consent of the owners of the banks to erect the bridge, and not to impair the navigation. 10. Toll of oxen. 11. Penalty on taking greater toll, or neglecting to keep the bridge in repair. Limitation of prosecutions. 12. Accounts of the company to be kept and published. 13. Accounts of the company to be laid before the Legislature, and provision for increasing or diminishing the rate of toll. 14. Provision for annulling the charter, if not executed in seven years. 15. Provision for extinguishing the right of taking toll.]

Passed 28th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 176.

CHAPTER MDCCCXXXI.

An ACT for the erection of an election district in Northampton county.

SECT. I. *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 town of Bethlehem, and that part of Bethlehem township which lies west of the road leading from Bethlehem to Nazareth, and the township of Allen in the county of Northampton, are hereby erected into a separate election district; and the freemen thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Adam Shener, in Allen township aforesaid.

A new election district erected in Northampton.

Passed 31st March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 187.

CHAPTER MDCCCXXXII.

An ACT to erect a separate election district in the county of Lancaster.

SECT. I. *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 passing of this act, the townships of Strasburg, Sadsbury, Bart, and that part of Martic, lying north and east of a line beginning at the north-east corner of Drumore township, where it intersects Bart and Martic townships, from thence by a direct line

The sixth election district of Lancaster county erected.