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Repeal of improvement clauses, as to lots in Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford.

Pre-emption continued in favour of purchasers in those towns.

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 so much of any law as imposes upon any person or persons who have purchased, or shall hereafter purchase, any lot or lots in the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, the condition of improving the same, and prohibits the issuing of any patent or patents, unless proof of such improvement be first made, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.*

[**SECT. II.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons, who have paid any money for, or improved, any forfeited lot or lots in the said towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren or Waterford, shall have a pre-emption to said lot or lots, at the prices they sold for at former sales; provided he, she or they apply within twelve months after the passing of this act, and pay for the same.*] (s)

Passed 19th February, 1800.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 97.

(s) This act was continued for one year from 26th February, 1801, by act of that date, (post, chap. 2189.) The act is however retained, as titles may yet remain to be completed under it.

CHAPTER MMXCVII.

An ACT to enable the owners and possessors of a certain tract of marsh meadow, situate on the west side of Darby creek, and adjoining to the river Delaware, in the township of Ridley, in the county of Delaware, to keep the banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expense thereof.

SECT. 1. [MANAGERS and Treasurer of the meadow on Darby creek, how chosen. 2. Penalty for refusing to act as manager, and proceedings thereon. 3. Duty of the Treasurer. 4. Manner of supporting the meadow banks, &c. of the company. 5, 6. Power of the Managers. 7. Width of ditches and drains prescribed. 8. Power of the Managers, in directing repairs, &c. 9. Width of drains from Stone creek to Crum creek. 10. Remedy for persons aggrieved, by arbitration. 11. Orders of the Managers to be paid by the Treasurer. 12. Punishment for injuries done to the premises, by indictment. 13. Power to enforce assessments on owners of meadow land. 14. Compensation of the managers. 15. Repeal of part of former laws, so far as they relate to this meadow.]

Passed 26th Feb'y, 1800.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. pa. 99.

CHAPTER MMXCIX.

An ACT for dividing the city of Philadelphia into wards, and allowing an additional inspector to each of the said wards, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS from the increased population of the city of Philadelphia, and the unequal division of the same into wards, great in-

conveniences have been experienced, not only in making assessments and collecting taxes, but also, in conducting the general elections for the said city: For remedy whereof, 1800.

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 city of Philadelphia shall be divided into fourteen wards, in the manner following, viz. so much of the said city as shall be included within a line beginning at the river Delaware, thence by the northern boundary of the city to Fourth-street, thence by the same to Sassafra-street, thence by the same to the river Delaware, and thence by the said river to the northern boundary of the city, shall be one ward, to be henceforth called "Upper Delaware Ward;" and so much of the said city as shall be included within a line beginning at the river Delaware, thence by Sassafra-street to Fourth-street, thence by the same to Mulberry-street, thence by the same to the river Delaware, and thence by the said river to Sassafra-street, shall be one ward, to be henceforth called "Lower Delaware-Ward;" and so much of the said city as shall be included within a line beginning at the river Delaware, thence by Mulberry-street to Fourth-street, thence by the same to High-street, thence by the same to the river Delaware, and thence by said river to Mulberry-street, shall be one ward, to be henceforth called "High-street Ward;" and so much of the said city as shall be included within a line beginning at the river Delaware, thence by High-street to Fourth-street, thence by the same to Chesnut-street, thence by the same to the river Delaware, and thence by the said river to High-street, shall be one ward, to be henceforth called "Chesnut Ward;" and so much of the said city as shall be included within a line beginning at the river Delaware, thence by Chesnut-street to Fourth-street, thence by the same to Walnut-street, thence by the same to the river Delaware, and thence by the said river to Chesnut-street, shall be one ward, to be henceforth called "Walnut Ward;" and so much of the said city as shall be included within a line beginning at the river Delaware, thence by Walnut-street to Fourth-street, thence by the same to Spruce-street, thence by the same to the river Delaware, and thence by the said river to Walnut-street, shall be one ward, to be henceforth called "Dock Ward;" and so much of the said city as shall be included within a line beginning at the river Delaware, thence by Spruce-street to Fourth-street, thence by the same to the southern boundary of the city, thence by the said boundary to the river Delaware, and thence by the said river to Spruce-street, shall be one ward, to be henceforth called "New Market Ward;" and so much of the said city as shall be included within a line beginning at Fourth-street aforesaid, thence by the northern boundary of the city to the western boundary of the same, thence by the said western boundary to Sassafra-street, thence by the same back to Fourth-street, and thence by the same to the place of beginning, shall be one ward, to be henceforth called "North Mulberry Ward;" and so much of the said city as shall be included within a line beginning at Fourth-street aforesaid, thence by Sassafra-street, to the western boundary of the

The city of Philadelphia divided into fourteen wards.

Upper Delaware.

Lower Delaware.

High-street.

Chesnut.

Walnut.

Dock.

New Market.

North Mulberry.

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SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall henceforth be lawful for the electors of the aforesaid wards, under the same regulations that are prescribed by the act, entitled "An Act to regulate the general elections of this commonwealth," to choose two Inspectors of the general election for each and every of the said wards, and in conducting the said general elections, and receiving the votes at the same, the two Inspectors for each ward shall occupy one window or door of the house where the election shall be holden, in exclusion of the Inspector or Inspectors of any other ward or place; and that from and after the passing of this act, the general elections for the said city shall be opened between the hours of eight and ten in the forenoon, and shall continue, without interruption or adjournment, until the electors, who shall come to the said election, shall have an opportunity to give in their votes, any thing in the said recited act to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That at the next ensuing elections for assessors and constables for the several wards of the said city, each of the aforesaid wards shall be entitled to choose the same number of assessors as the several wards are now by law entitled to, and one constable; and until the said elections, the present assessors and constables shall continue in

the performance of their several duties, as if this act had not been passed. 1800.

Passed 1st March, 1800.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 114.

CHAPTER MMC.

An ACT to annex part of Bedford county to the county of Somerset. [Vol. 1, pa. 330, ante, pa. 329.]

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 all that part of Bedford county in Londonderry township, lying westward of a line to begin on the top of the Little Allegheny mountain, where the Maryland line crosses the same; thence running along said mountain a northerly direction to where the mountain breaks; thence a straight line to the breast-works to intersect the present line between Bedford and Somerset counties, shall from and after the passing of this act, be annexed to the county of Somerset, and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections in Berlin.* Part of Bedford annexed to Somerset county.

SECT. 2. [The line to be run, and reported to the Quarter Sessions. Obsolete.]

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no action or suit that have been, or may be commenced in the County Court of Bedford before the first day of June, against any person living or residing within the lines by this law annexed to the county of Somerset, shall be stayed, discontinued or affected by this act, but the same may be prosecuted to the final issue, in the same manner as if this act had not passed; and all taxes laid by the commissioners of Bedford county, on the persons or property included within the said lines prior to the passing of this act, shall be collected and paid into the treasury of Bedford county.* Of suits depending; and taxes previously laid.

Passed 1st March, 1800.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 112.

CHAPTER MMCI.

An ACT authorizing the commissioners of Northampton county, and their successors in office, to receive for a limited time, the toll therein mentioned from travellers and others passing over the bridge erected over the Lehigh, where the road leading from Easton to Philadelphia crosses the same, in the county aforesaid. [Ante, chap. 1898.]

SECT. 1. [TOLL to be received for passing the Lehigh bridge. Rates of toll prescribed. Contracts may be made for an annual sum. 2. Penalty for extorting more tollage than is allowed by law. 3. Accounts to be annually exhibited to the grand jury, and appropriation of the tolls to extinguish the expenses of building. 4. On what terms the bridge may be declared free.]

Passed 1st March, 1800.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 108.