

dividual having so paid the same, or their legal representatives, the several sums from them respectively received of such tax; and all expenses that have arisen by assessing or collecting thereof, in whole or in part, shall be paid out of the county stock, in such manner as is provided for by the act aforesaid.

Passed April 6, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 154, etc.

CHAPTER MDXLVI.

AN ACT REPEALING SO MUCH OF THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR RAISING AND COLLECTING MONEY ON THE SPECIFIED ARTICLES THEREIN MENTIONED, FOR THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED," AS IMPOSES A TAX UPON WRITS ISSUING OUT OF THE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

Whereas, by the act, entitled "An act for raising and collecting money on the specified articles therein mentioned, for the support of government, and for other purposes therein mentioned," (1) enacted on the twentieth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, a tax of five shillings and seven pence was imposed upon every writ whether original or judicial, mesne process, or any writ which shall be issued in the course of any action (subpoenas for witnesses and writs in behalf of this commonwealth, only excepted) to be paid by the prothonotary of the county of Philadelphia, out of the fees of his office. And whereas, since the passing of the said act, from various causes, the profits of the said office are much reduced.

[Section I.] (Section I. P. L.) 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 the act, entitled "An act for raising and collecting money on the specified articles therein mentioned, for the support of government and for other purposes therein mentioned," as imposes a tax on writs.

¹ Chapter 1018.

issuing out of the said county court of common pleas for the county of Philadelphia, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed April 6, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 154, etc.

CHAPTER MDXLVII.

AN ACT TO CONFER ON CERTAIN ASSOCIATIONS OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH THE POWERS AND IMMUNITIES OF CORPORATIONS, OR BODIES POLITIC IN LAW.

Whereas a great portion of the time of the legislature has heretofore been employed in enacting laws to incorporate private associations and it would not only be more advantageous to the public, but also convenient to individuals who are desirous of being so incorporated, that the same might lawfully be effected, without an immediate application in all cases to the general assembly of the commonwealth: Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I. P. L.) 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 when any number of persons, citizens of this commonwealth are associated, or mean to associate for any literary, charitable, or for any religious purpose, and shall be desirous to acquire and enjoy the powers and immunities of a corporation, or body politic in law, it shall and may be lawful for such persons to prepare an instrument in writing, therein specifying the objects, articles, conditions, and name, style or title, under which they have associated, or mean to associate, and the same to exhibit and present to the attorney general of the commonwealth, for the time being, who is hereby required thereupon to peruse and examine the said instrument, and after such perusal and examination, to transmit it, with a certificate, thereon indorsed, testifying his opinion touching the lawfulness of the objects, articles and conditions, therein set forth and contained, unto the supreme court of this commonwealth; and the said court is hereby also required thereupon to peruse and examine the said instrument, and to