

immediately concerned, the age and indisposition of the third puts it out of his power to attend, so as to give his assistance in the premises, as soon as the situation and circumstances of those concerned seem to require: 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 the governor be, and he is hereby empowered to appoint three commissioners, in the room, place and stead of James Cunningham, David Stewart and John Oliver, Esquires, to run the boundary line between the counties of Huntingdon and Mifflin, on or before the twenty-fifth day of November next, under the same rules and directions contained in the act of assembly passed the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An act for the better ascertaining the boundry line between the counties of Huntingdon and Mifflin."<sup>1</sup>

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## CHAPTER MDXCVII.

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AN ACT TO REIMBURSE TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND CITIZENS OF PHILADELPHIA, AND TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, THE EXPENSES ACCRUED IN PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, AND TO ENABLE THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE FURTHER PROVISION FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE SAID PRESIDENT.

Whereas the mayor, aldermen and citizens of Philadelphia, and the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, have expended divers sums of money during the recess of the legislature of this state, in fitting up and furnishing several build-

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<sup>1</sup>See Ante.

ings for the reception and accommodation of the president and the two houses of the legislature of the United States of America, and their officers, in a manner that meets the approbation of the legislature of this state, and it is consistent with the honor and dignity of the state to make provision for the reimbursement of those expenses, and for the better and more commodious accommodation of the president, during his residence in the city of Philadelphia.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) 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 in order to reimburse the mayor, aldermen and citizens of Philadelphia, and the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, the expenses already incurred in fitting up and furnishing several buildings in the city of Philadelphia, for the reception and accommodation of the president of the United States and the two houses of the legislature thereof, and to provide and prepare suitable accommodations for the president of the United States, during his residence in the city of Philadelphia, it shall and may be lawful for the governor, and he is hereby authorized and required to borrow a sum not exceeding twenty thousand pounds, upon the credit of the revenue arising from vendues, which revenue he shall and may pledge on such terms, and for such time and times, as may be necessary to obtain the said loan, and to secure the repayment thereof, and the proceeds of the said loan, as soon as the same is obtained, shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth, and be there held subject to the draft and drafts of the governor, for the purpose of repaying the expenses incurred as aforesaid, and of purchasing a lot or lots west of Ninth street, in the city of Philadelphia, and thereon erecting a building or buildings, suitable for the accommodation of the president of the United States, and the governor is hereby further authorized and required to make the said purchase, and to cause the said building and buildings to be thereon erected, and in so doing, to make all necessary and proper contracts to employ or cause to be employed all necessary artists and workmen, to appoint, employ and pay

an agent or agents to superintend the erection of the said building and buildings. Provided always, That the whole expenses to be incurred for the several purposes aforesaid, shall not exceed the said sum of twenty thousand pounds, and that if the said sum should prove more than sufficient to accomplish the objects of its appropriation, the surplus thereof shall remain in the treasury for the use of the commonwealth.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor shall have full power and authority to lease the said lot and lots, and the building and buildings thereon to be erected as aforesaid, and the rents arising therefrom, as the same accrues and becomes payable, shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth, and from time to time shall be applied, upon the drafts of the governor, towards the repayment of the said sum of twenty thousand pounds.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor shall report to the legislature, as soon as may be, the terms on which he shall have borrowed the said sum of twenty thousand pounds, the situation and price of the lot or lots of ground purchased in pursuance of this act, and the plan of the building and buildings thereon to be erected, together with an estimate of the expense of erecting the same, and he shall cause the agent or agents by him employed as aforesaid, to keep fair and exact accounts of all moneys disbursed in pursuance of this act, and such accounts to exhibit at least once in every three months to the register general, to be examined and settled in like manner as other public accounts, and the said lot or lots of ground and buildings thereon erected, shall be and remain the estate and property of this commonwealth.

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