

shall be allowed to him on behalf of said county in the settlement of his accounts with the state treasurer.

[Section VI] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw a warrant or warrants on the state treasurer, to defray the necessary expenses which shall be incurred in transmitting the returns of elections of the electors aforesaid, that of the notification of their election to the electors so chosen, which shall be paid out of the funds appropriated to defray the expenses of government.

Passed April 7, 1792. Recorded (not given in rolls).

CHAPTER MDCXXXIX.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTING THE LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, AND TO DIRECT A PROPER INDEX TO BE MADE OF THE RECORDS OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Whereas it is the duty of those who are intrusted with the administration of the public affairs, to make an early and accurate communication of their proceedings to their constituents; and it is essential to the peace and prosperity of the community that a knowledge of the laws should be generally disseminated: In order, therefore, to facilitate the attainment of those important objects:

[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 may and shall, from time to time, appoint and employ a printer or printers, to print and publish not more than three thousand, nor fewer than two thousand five hundred copies of the acts and resolutions of the general assembly of this commonwealth, as soon as conveniently may be after the same shall be enacted and passed: And it shall be the duty of the secretary of the com-

monwealth to collate with and correct by the original rolls, the proof sheets of the printed copies of the said acts and resolutions respectively, and to affix thereunto proper marginal notes, stating the purport of each paragraph, or section, before the same shall be published.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at the end of each and every session of the general assembly the secretary of the commonwealth shall cause the acts and resolutions passed thereia to be collected and stitched together in one pamphlet, with a cover of blue boards, of which he shall deliver twenty-five copies into the keeping of the clerk of the senate, for the use of the members of the senate respectively, and eighty-six copies into the keeping of the clerk of the house of representatives, for the use of the members of the house of representatives respectively. And he shall distribute the residue in manner following, that is to say: to the prothonotary of the supreme court, six copies, one thereof for each of the judges, one for the attorney general, and one for himself; to the secretary of the land office, one copy; to the surveyor general, one copy; to the receiver general of the land office, one copy; to the comptroller general, one copy; to the register general, one copy; to the state treasurer, one copy; to the clerk of the mayor's court of the city of Philadelphia, one hundred and fifty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Philadelphia, one hundred and fifty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Bucks, one hundred and twenty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Chester, one hundred and twenty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Lancaster, one hundred and eighty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Dauphin, ninety copies; to the prothonotary of the county of York, one hundred and eighty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Cumberland, ninety copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Berks, one hundred and fifty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Northampton, one hundred and twenty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Bedford, eighty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Northumberland, ninety copies; to the prothonotary of the county of West-

moreland, ninety copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Washington, one hundred and twenty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Fayette, sixty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Franklin, seventy copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Montgomery, one hundred and twenty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Huntingdon, fifty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Luzerne, forty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Mifflin, sixty copies; to the prothonotary of the county of Allegheny, fifty copies; and to the prothonotary of the county of Delaware, ninety copies. And the said clerk of the mayor's court of the city of Philadelphia, and the prothonotaries of the several counties aforesaid, shall, upon the receipt of the said pamphlets, distribute the same within the jurisdiction of the courts to which they respectively belong, as follows: that is to say, the said clerk of the mayor's court shall deliver one copy thereof to the mayor, recorder, and to each of the aldermen of the said city of Philadelphia, and one hundred and thirty-five copies thereof to the clerk of the corporation of the said city of Philadelphia, for the use of the corporation, and of the citizens of the said city of Philadelphia; and the said prothonotaries shall deliver one copy thereof to each judge of the court of common pleas, register of wills, recorder of deeds, clerk of the quarter sessions, and to each justice of the peace, to the board of county commissioners, one copy, and to each of the said commissioners one copy, and one copy to the constable of each township, for the use thereof, to be lodged in the respective townships, at the usual place of meeting to choose township officers; and shall distribute the remaining copies among the inhabitants of the several townships within their respective counties aforesaid.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That as often as there shall be a number of laws enacted, sufficient to form a volume of a convenient size, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the commonwealth to cause a concise and complete index to be made of the contents of such laws, which index shall be printed and included in the pamphlets containing the acts of the last session that are to be comprised in the volumes respectively, and

the secretary of the commonwealth shall farther thereupon cause two hundred sets of the said laws and index to be neatly bound in volumes, and properly lettered, and deliver five sets thereof, so bound and lettered, to the clerk of the senate, for the use of the senate, and fifteen sets thereof to the clerk of the house of representatives, for the use of the said house of representatives, to the president of the high court of errors and appeals and to each judge thereof, not included in some other description in this act contained, one copy, and to the clerk of the said court one copy; to the prothonotary of the supreme court, six copies, one thereof for each of the judges, one for the attorney general and one for himself; and to the president and judges of the courts of common pleas of the several counties, each one copy; and to the clerks of the mayor's court and of the corporation of the city of Philadelphia, and to the prothonotaries of the several counties, for the use of the respective courts when sitting, each one copy; and to the secretary of state of the United States, one copy; to the attorney general of the United States, one copy; to the secretary of the senate of the United States, for the use of the said senate, one copy; to the clerk of the house of representatives of the United States, for the use of the said house, one copy; to the executives of each state in the union, for the use of their respective legislatures, one copy; three sets thereof to the Library Company of Philadelphia; and the remaining sets he shall retain in his own custody, subject to the orders of the legislature, or of the governor.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the secretary of this commonwealth shall prefix to each volume an attestation, under his hand, that he has collated the laws contained therein with the original rolls in the rolls office, and corrected the same thereby.

[Section V.] (Section V.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to cause the public laws of Pennsylvania now in force, passed from the second day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, to the first day

of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, to be published with a proper index thereto, and the titles of all the private laws, and laws which have expired by their own limitation, or have been repealed, together with the book and page wherein they are recorded in the rolls office, and to contract with any person or persons for that purpose, upon the most advantageous terms, reserving one thousand copies of the same for the use of the commonwealth, to be distributed as the legislature may hereafter direct.

[Section VI.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the secretary of the commonwealth shall enter, or cause to be entered, in suitable books, which he shall procure for that purpose, such minutes of the proceedings of the executive department of this commonwealth as have not already been so entered, and shall thereupon forthwith make, or cause to be made, a sufficient index to the same, from the third day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, to the third Tuesday of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, inclusive; for which purposes, and to enable him to procure the assistance of an additional clerk to effect the same, the governor is hereby authorized to draw a warrant in his favor on the state treasurer, for a reasonable compensation, not exceeding one thousand dollars.

[Section VII.] (Section VII.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor be, and he is hereby authorized, to employ a proper person of legal abilities to collate the laws denominated under the aforesaid description, who shall insert references from one act to another or the title of another upon the same subject, or altering or repealing each other.

[Section VIII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the expenses necessarily incurred for carrying into effect the various provisions of this act, shall be paid out of the fund appropriated by law for the support of government, upon warrants drawn by the governor on

the treasurer of the commonwealth; and the treasurer is hereby authorized and required to pay the same accordingly.

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CHAPTER MDCXL.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE GOVERNOR OF THIS COMMONWEALTH TO INCORPORATE A COMPANY FOR MAKING AN ARTIFICIAL ROAD FROM THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA TO THE BOROUGH OF LANCASTER.

Whereas the great quantity of heavy articles of the growth and produce of the country, and of foreign goods which are daily transported between the city of Philadelphia and the western counties of the state, requires an amendment of the highway which can only be effected by artificial beds of stone and gravel, disposed in such manner as to prevent the wheels of carriages from cutting into the soil, the expenses whereof will be great; and it is reasonable that those who will enjoy the benefits of such highway should pay a compensation therefor, and there is reason to believe that such highway will be undertaken by an association of citizens, if proper encouragement be given by the legislature.

[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 Elliston Perot, Henry Drinker, Junior, Owen Jones, Junior, Israel Whelen, and Cadwallader Evans, of the city of Philadelphia, gentlemen, and Edward Hand, John Hubley, Paul Zantzinger, Matthias Slough, and Abraham Witmer, of the county of Lancaster, gentlemen, be, and they are hereby, appointed commissioners, to do and perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned;