

[Section XI.] (Section XI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all the deposits of the money of this state, which shall be made in the Bank of Pennsylvania, shall be in the name of this commonwealth, and shall be drawn out of the same by the state treasurer only.

[Section XII.] (Section XII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the comptroller-general shall receive a sum not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars, and the register general a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars, for the purpose of continuing in their employ the accompants or clerks which they have engaged, or for engaging others in their place and stead, to settle and adjust the accounts of John Nicholson, late comptroller-general.

[Section XIII.] (Section XIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said comptroller-general and register-general shall, in the first week of the next session of the General Assembly, make a separate report to each house, of the progress they have made in the settlement of the accounts of the said John Nicholson, late comptroller-general, and, if any difficulties arise in performing the duties required by this act, they shall, at the same time, make report to each house of such difficulties that legislative measures may be taken to remove them.

Passed April 4, 1796. Recorded L. B. 6, p. 122.

CHAPTER MCMIII.

AN ACT TO AMEND AND REPEAL CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE HEALTH LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

Whereas, the several acts, heretofore enacted, for securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases, and for regulating the importation of German and other passengers, have been found in many respects defective, And whereas, it would be advantageous, at

the same time, to amend such defects, and to reduce the provisions of the said several acts, as far as the same can conveniently be done, into a smaller compass, and into one act.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That on the first Monday of May and November in every year, the mayor and recorder of the city of Philadelphia, together with one justice of the peace of the Northern Liberties, and one from the district of Southwark, shall meet and appoint twelve inspectors of the health office, of whom eight shall be inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, two of the Northern Liberties, and two of the district of Southwark, who shall continue in office one year, and exercise the same powers, and perform the same duties, as the present inspectors of the health office of the port of Philadelphia.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. P.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the board of inspectors of the health office of the port of Philadelphia, or a majority of them, shall have power, and they are hereby authorized, whenever, in their opinion, it shall be consistent with the safety of the citizens of Philadelphia and its suburbs, to suspend the visits of the resident physician, and detention of vessels opposite the health office, on State Island, at any time between the first day of December in any year, and the first day of April in the next succeeding year, Provided always, That no captain, or other person, shall be entitled to the benefit of such suspension, so as to be exempted from the penalties which he or they would otherwise have incurred, unless, within twenty-four hours after his or their arrival opposite to the city of Philadelphia or its suburbs, and before he or they shall have landed any part of his or their passengers, crew, or cargo, he or they report the arrival of his or their vessel, and truly describe, to the best of his or their knowledge, the state of the crew and cargo.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor, or, in his absence, a majority of the board of inspectors, shall have full power and authority to prohibit all intercourse with infected places within

the United States, under any penalty not exceeding three hundred dollars, on each persons transgressing the said prohibition, to be recovered by action of debt, or by indictment, one-half to be paid to the inspectors for the benefit of the hospital on State Island, and the other half to the benefit of the informer, and to direct the removal of any person or persons infected, or who, from their exposure to the operation of contagion, are likely to become so, and to order the quarantine to be performed by any vessel, and to direct the removal and purification of any vessel, goods, wares and merchandise, and to take such suitable and efficient measures, as may be found necessary to prevent all such intercourse, and carry into complete effect the aforesaid provisions, and to cause such person, as transgress or disobey the same, to be conveyed to the hospital on State Island and there kept for one month, or such shorter time as the case may require.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the resident physician, in full compensation for his services under any law of this state, and in lieu of all fees, perquisites and emoluments whatsoever, shall receive the sum of three dollars for each vessel he shall visit and examine, agreeably to law, and shall be entitled to pasturage for one horse and one cow, and also to such vegetables, raised in the garden of the hospital, as may be necessary for the supply of his table, whilst residing at the said hospital, and it shall be the duty of the health officer for the time being, to collect, to the best of his ability, the fees of the resident and consulting physicians, and he shall deduct from the amount thereof, two and an half per centum for his trouble in collecting the same.

[Section V.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said inspectors, at any stated or other meeting of their board, whereof due notice shall be given to all the inspectors, shall have power to make, with the approbation of the chief-justice of the state, of the president of the court of common pleas of the first district, or of the recorder, all such rules, orders, or regulations, as shall be necessary or convenient for regulating their own body, for governing the health office, and the officers thereof, and the governor shall have power to suspend or remove from office, for such reason-

able cause as to him shall seem sufficient, the visiting or resident physician, and another or others to appoint in his or their place.

[Section VI.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any captain or master of a vessel, who shall neglect to deliver the certificate of the wholesome state of his vessel, as received at the health office, to the health officer of Philadelphia, within twenty-four hours next after his arrival opposite the city or suburbs, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, and no more, for every such neglect, to be recovered and appropriated as heretofore by law directed, and that the health officer, on receiving any such certificate or bill of health, shall be entitled to receive from the captain or master of such ship or other vessel, one dollar, in full compensation for all services heretofore enjoined on him by law, and the master or owner of any vessel, compelled to perform a quarantine, shall pay to the pilot, detained on board the same, two dollars for every such day's detention.

[Section VII.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the mayor, recorder, aldermen and commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia, are hereby authorized and directed, upon the request of a majority of the inspectors of the health office, to sell and convey, in fee simple, the lot on the west side of Schuylkill, near the end of High street, purchased in pursuance of the nineteenth section of an act passed on the twenty-second day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An act for establishing an health office, for otherwise securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases, and for regulating the importation of German and other passengers,"¹ and the said Commissioners shall forthwith pay over to the treasurer, to be appointed by the inspectors, all the money raised by virtue of the provisions contained in the said section, and which are now in their hands, and the said inspectors hereinbefore mentioned, shall apply the said money and such sums as may arise from the sale to the pur-

¹Chapter 1759.

chase of such other lot as they may deem most suitable for an hospital, and to such other purposes as, in and by the said recited act, are directed.

[Section VIII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the board of inspectors of the health office of the port of Philadelphia, shall have power, by and with the consent and approbation of the mayor or recorder, two aldermen of the city of Philadelphia, and three justices of the Northern Liberties, and the district of Southwark, from time to time, to levy and collect, by a tax on the estates and inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, and the Northern Liberties, in the same manner, and under the same restrictions as county rates and levies are, or may be, by law levied and collected, such sum as may be found necessary for the support of the said health office, provided that the sums, so to be raised, shall not exceed four thousand dollars within any one year, and shall have power, at any time when the safety of the city shall require them so to do, to negotiate on the faith of the said taxes, loans to any amount not exceeding the sum herein before last mentioned, and provided also, that the money collected by virtue of this section, shall be paid by the county treasurer (free from any deduction or commission for receiving and paying the same) into the hands of the treasurer of the board of inspectors, who shall deposit and keep all money, which may come into his hands, in the Bank of Pennsylvania, until it shall be necessary to expend the same.

[Section IX.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supplement to the act entitled "An act for establishing an health office, for otherwise securing the city and port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases, and for regulating the importation of German and other passengers" passed on the twenty-third¹ day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and the further Supplement to the same act, passed on the seventeenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five,² and also, so much of the said above recited act,

¹Chapter 1789.

²Chapter 1847.

passed on the twenty-second day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four³ as is supplied or altered by this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

[Section X.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the board of inspectors shall cause fair and full accounts to be kept, of all the money received and expended by them, and shall, in the month of January in every year, submit the same, with the necessary vouchers, to the inspection of the mayor and recorder, one Magistrate of the Northern Liberties, and one of the district of Southwark, who shall forthwith cause the said accounts to be published in at least two of the public newspapers in the city of Philadelphia.

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³Chapter 1759.

CHAPTER MCMIV.

AN ACT TO ANNUL AND REPEAL SO MUCH OF ANY CHARTER OR LAW OF THIS STATE AS EMPOWERS THE INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF BRISTOL, IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, TO HOLD AND KEEP FAIRS WITHIN THE SAME.

Whereas the burgesses and common council [and] other inhabitants of the borough of Bristol and the adjoining townships, in the county of Bucks, have, by their petition, set forth that the fairs originally established by charter within the said borough have become useless and unnecessary, and promote licentiousness, vice and immorality, and have prayed that the same may be abolished. Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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, so much and no more of any law or charter of this state as empowers the inhabitants of the borough of Bristol to hold and keep fairs within the same, is hereby repealed, annulled and made void.

Passed April 4, 1796. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 126, etc.