

An ACT

1784.

For the further Regulation of the Port of Philadelphia, and enlarging the Power of the Wardens thereof.

SECT. I. **W**HEREAS from the increase of trade, and the number of foreign ships and vessels resorting to the port of Philadelphia, it is become necessary that further regulations should be established for preserving good order in the anchoring, mooring and removing of ships and other vessels within the harbour. AND WHEREAS the wharves extending into the common highway of the river Delaware are, and of right ought to be, subject to such regulations as may best promote the conveniency of the public, and the general interests of commerce, preserving nevertheless, as far as may be consistent therewith, the rights of private property: AND WHEREAS it is expedient, for these and other salutary purposes, that a new nomination and appointment of Wardens and of the Collector of the duties of tonnage, should be made:

SECT. II. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That Francis Gurney, John Donaldson, Samuel Caldwell, Thomas Pryor, George Ord, Nathaniel Falconer and John Hazelwood be, and they are hereby severally and respectively nominated and appointed Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia; and that Jacob S. Howell be, and he is hereby nominated and appointed Collector of the duties and sums of money which may be due and payable for all ships and vessels chargeable therewith, who shall also be the Clerk or Secretary of the Board of Wardens and Keeper of their records, files and minutes of proceeding, and Receiver of fines and penalties; which Wardens and Collector are hereby severally and respectively invested with all the powers, rights, privileges, jurisdiction and authority, and subject to all such duties, regulations, restrictions and penalties, as the Wardens and Collector of the duties of tonnage, appointed in and by an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act appointing Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned, made and passed the twenty sixth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and seventy three, were invested with and subjected to in and by the said act, such alterations and additions as are herein, and hereby made and expressed, always excepted.*

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each and every of the said Wardens, before they take upon themselves the exercise of the said office, shall respectively take an oath or affirmation, That he will well and faithfully, to the best*

Preamble.

Wardens nominated, &c.

Oath of Office.