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ENACTED IN THE FIRST SITTING  
OF THE EIGHTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY,  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA,

WHICH commenced at *Philadelphia* on *Monday* the twenty-seventh Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Three.

## C H A P. CIII.

*An ACT to repeal part of the Act, entitled, "An Act  
" for an Impost on Goods, Wares and Merchandize,  
" imported into this State."*

1783.

SECT. I. **W**HEREAS during the late War, common Salt, Salt-petre, Gun-powder, Lead or Shot, and Prize Goods, were exempted from any Impost or Duty in the "*Act for imposing a Duty on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this State, passed the Twenty-Third Day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty:*" AND WHEREAS the necessities on which the exemptions aforesaid were founded have ceased:

Preamble.

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 so much of the Act aforesaid which exempts common Salt, Salt-petre, Gun-powder, Lead or Shot, and Prize Goods, from any Impost or Duty, be and the same is from henceforth repealed, made null and void.*

Repealing  
Clause.

*Signed, by Order of the House,*

GEORGE GRAY, *Speaker.*

*Enacted into a Law, at Philadelphia, on Tuesday,  
the Eighteenth Day of November, in the Year of  
our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and  
Three.*

PETER Z. LLOYD, Clerk of the General Assembly.

1783.

*An ACT for the better securing the City of Philadelphia,  
and its Liberties, from danger of Gunpowder.*

Preamble.

SECT. I. **W**HEREAS by an Act, entitled, "*An Act for the better securing the City of Philadelphia from danger of Gunpowder*," passed in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-four, and a Supplement thereto, passed in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-seven, continuing the said Act in force until altered by a future Assembly, it was directed that all Gunpowder brought into the Port of *Philadelphia* should be deposited in a certain Powder House therein described, under the Penalty of *Ten Pounds* for every offence: AND WHEREAS another Powder House or Magazine hath been erected in the said City, in the Public Square on the South side of *Vine-street*, between the *Sixth* and *Seventh-streets* from *Delaware*, at the Public Expence: AND WHEREAS the said Penalty of *Ten Pounds* is not deemed sufficient to deter Persons from storing large quantities of Gunpowder in private Houses and Stores, to the great danger of the Inhabitants:

Penalty on  
keeping in any  
House, &c.  
more than  
30 lb. of Gun-  
Powder.

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 no Person whatsoever, within the Precincts of *Philadelphia*, nor within two Miles thereof, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, presume to keep in any House, Shop or Cellar, Store or Place whatsoever, in the said City, nor within two Miles thereof other than in the said Public Magazine, any more or greater quantity at any one time than *Thirty Pounds* of Gunpowder, under the Penalty of a forfeiture of the whole quantity so over and above stored, together with a fine of *Twenty Pounds* for every such Offence. And whatever Master, Merchant or other Person, trading or bringing into the said Port any Gunpowder (other than such as shall be specially licenced in that behalf, by the President or Vice-President and Council of the *State of Pennsylvania*) shall not, within the space of forty-eight Hours from his first arrival and coming to anchor there, and before he haws to the Wharf, upon due notice given him by the Officer herein after appointed, or his Successor, or his or their Deputies, of the purport of this Act, deliver all the Powder so brought into the said Port aforesaid unto the said Officer, or his Successor, or his or their Deputies, he or they so offending shall forfeit at the rate of *Twenty Pounds* for every Cask so withheld, together with the whole of the Powder, if the Property of the Person so offending.

Penalty on Im-  
porter for  
Non delivery  
of Gun-Pow-  
der, upon due  
Notice given.

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subject to the same Restrictions, Regulations and Penalties, as mentioned in the fourth Section of this Act. Vide 4th Sect.

SECT. XI. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and singular the Fines and Forfeitures arising by this Act, except under the Sum of Five Pounds, shall be recovered in any Court of Record in this State, by Bill, Complaint or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law, nor any more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed; the one Moiety of which Forfeiture and Penalties shall go into the hands of the Treasurer of the Commissioners for paving the Streets, to be by them disposed of until otherwise ordered by Act of Assembly, and the other Moiety thereof to the Informer or Prosecutor who shall sue for the same.* Appropriation of Fines and Forfeitures.

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Officer appointed by this Act, or hereafter appointed to execute the same, shall before he enters upon the Execution of his Office, give Bond with sufficient security to the President or Vice President in Council, in the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, conditioned for the true and faithful Performance of his Duty, according to this Act.* Officer to give security, &c.

SECT. XIII. *And it is hereby further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all Acts heretofore made respecting the storing of Gunpowder in the said City, shall be and are hereby repealed.* Repealing Clause.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

G E O R G E G R A Y, *Speaker.*

*Enacted into a Law, at Philadelphia, on Saturday, the Sixth Day of December, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Three.*

PETER Z. LLOYD, Clerk of the General Assembly.

## C H A P. CVI.

*An ACT to complete the Title of Abraham Comron and Rebecca English his Sister, to a House and Lot in Mulberry Ward, in the City of Philadelphia.*

SECT. I. **W**HEREAS Abraham Comron of the City of Philadelphia, Sail-Maker, by his Petition bearing Date the twenty-fifth Day of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-two, did represent to the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, that the Petitioner's Grand-Father, Nicholas Cassell, deceased, did in his Life-Time, by deed of gift, convey unto Mary Comron, the Mother of the said Abraham, a certain Lot of Ground, situated in Race-street, between the Front and Second-streets, from Delaware River, in the Preamble:

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