

1789. — Chapter 45.

[January Session, ch. 19.]

AN ACT MAKING COMPENSATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR HIS SERVICES.

Annual salary of the Attorney General.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing this Act there shall be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, annually, the sum of three hundred pounds lawfull money to the Attorney General, in full compensation for his services, to be paid in quarterly payments, as the same shall become due.

Fees of the Attorney General.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all bills of cost in criminal prosecutions, before the Supreme Judicial Court in this Commonwealth the sum of fifteen shillings shall be taxed for the fees of the Attorney General, without any allowance of travel; and all fees thus received by the said Attorney General shall be accounted for by him, annually, with the Treasurer of this Commonwealth.

— To be by him accounted for.

February 27, 1790.

1789. — Chapter 46.

[January Session, ch. 20.]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING JUDGES OF PROBATE TO DISMISS GUARDIANS FROM THEIR GUARDIANSHIP IN CERTAIN CASES.

Preamble.

Whereas the several Judges of the Probate of Wills in this Commonwealth are by law authorized to appoint Guardians to Minors in certain cases, persons who spend their estates by excessive drinking, idleness or debauchery, Idiots, non compus mentis or lunatic persons, and doubts have arisen whether the said Judges of probate have any authority to displace such Guardians in any cases whatever, which may operate to the disadvantage not only of the Bondsmen but of the Ward also.

Judge of Probate authorized to dismiss Guardians in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing this act, each and every Judge of Probate within this Commonwealth be, and hereby is fully authorized to dismiss any such Guardian, appointed by himself or his predecessor in that Office, whenever it may appear to the said Judge, that

necessity or expediency may require the same, and to appoint some other person Guardian, in his place. *Provided* that no such Guardian shall be dismissed as aforesaid from his Guardianship, before he shall have had notice in writing given him by such Judge, fourteen days before the time of hearing, to appear and shew cause why he should not be so dismissed. Proviso.

March 1, 1790.

1789. — Chapter 47.

[January Session, ch. 21.]

AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF *TEN THOUSAND POUNDS* BY LOTTERY FOR THE USE OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the authority of the same, That the sum of *Ten thousand Pounds* be raised by Lottery for the use of this Commonwealth & that Five Persons be appointed by the General Court, Managers of said Lottery, whose business it shall be from time to time to make & publish such Scheme or Schemes as shall in their opinion best promote the purposes of said Lottery; any three of whom shall be a quorum for the purpose of drawing & transacting the other business of said Lottery. Sum to be raised by Lottery.
Managers appointed.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Managers shall, before they enter on the duties of their office, give separate Bond to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, in the sum of *Four thousand pounds*, with sufficient sureties, each to be answerable for his own default, & take an oath for the faithful performance of his trust. — To give bonds.

And be it further Enacted, that the prizes in said Lottery shall be paid by the Managers in thirty days after the drawing each Class of said Lottery is compleated, if demanded; those Prizes which are not demanded within six months after the publication of the drawing said Lottery, shall be paid into the Treasury, for the benefit of the persons intitled to such prizes: And the Managers are hereby directed from time to time as the Classes in said Lottery shall be drawn, to pay the proceeds to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth, after deducting their Commissions & cost of Printing — — To pay prizes.

And be it further enacted, that the Managers shall publish the schemes of this Lottery in one of the Publick Newspapers in the several towns in the Commonwealth, — To pay the proceeds into the treasury.
— To publish the schemes and list of prizes.