

ACTS AND LAWS

PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS:
BEGUN AND HELD AT BOSTON, IN THE COUNTY OF
SUFFOLK, ON WEDNESDAY THE TWENTY-EIGHTH
DAY OF MAY, ANNO DOMINI, 1794.

1794. — Chapter 1.

[May Session, ch. 1.]

AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF EIGHT THOUSAND POUNDS,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING A BUILDING FOR THE USE
OF THE UNIVERSITY AT CAMBRIDGE.

Whereas the Overseers and Corporation of Harvard College have represented to this Court the inconvenience to which the Students at the said College are subjected for want of an additional Building, and it is inconvenient at present to make a grant from the public Treasury therefor: Preamble.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that the sum of eight Thousand Pounds be raised by Lottery for the purpose of erecting a Building at Cambridge for the accommodation of the Youth at the University there; and that the Honorable Benjamin Austin junr. George R. Minot, Samuel Cooper and Henry Warren Esqrs. and Mr. John Kneeland be, and they hereby are appointed Managers of said Lottery, whose business it shall be from time to time, to make and publish such scheme or schemes as shall in their opinion best promote the purposes of said Lottery, and for drawing said Lottery & transacting the other business thereof. Managers. — their duty.

And be it further Enacted, that the said managers, before they enter on the duties of their said Office, shall give separate Bonds to the Corporation of said College in the sum of Three thousand pounds with sufficient surety, each to be answerable for his own default, and shall take an Oath for the faithful performance of said trust. — to give bonds.

Prizes to be paid in 30 days.

And be it further Enacted, that the prizes in said Lottery shall be paid by the Managers in Thirty Days after the drawing of each Class of said Lottery is completed: Those prizes not demanded within one Year after the publication of the drawing of the said Lottery, shall be considered as generously given for the purpose for which this Lottery is granted; and the Managers are hereby directed from time to time as the Classes shall be drawn to pay into the hands of the Corporation of Harvard College, the net proceeds, after deducting the compensation that the said Corporation shall allow them for their services.

Schemes and time of drawing, to be published.

And be it further Enacted that the Managers shall publish the Schemes of this Lottery, the time and place of drawing, and the list of prizes, in one or more of the public News-Papers.

Fine and punishment for counterfeiting or altering Tickets.

And be it further Enacted that if any person shall forge, counterfeit or alter any of the Tickets in the said Lottery, or shall alter or pass any such forged counterfeited or altered Ticket knowing the same to be such, or shall in any way or manner aid or assist in forging, altering or passing such Ticket, every person so offending and being convicted thereof before the Supreme Judicial Court, of this Commonwealth, shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred Pounds, nor less than Twenty pounds for each or either of said Offences, or by whipping or standing in the Pillory, or imprisonment, or any or all of such punishments, as said Court may direct.

Sale of fractional parts of Tickets to be prevented.

And be it further Enacted that it shall be the duty of the said Managers, and of every of them to prevent as far as may be the selling of any fractional parts of Tickets: and if any person shall deceitfully or by any pretences of convenience, to purchasers, make, utter or sell any fractional Part of a Ticket in the said Lottery, or any Class thereof, putting upon such part any advance, the person or persons purchasing such fractional part of a Ticket, may recover back the whole sum which shall appear to have been paid therefor, and may have an Action for the same as for money receiv'd to their use.

And be it further Enacted, that this Act as to the Grant of the said Lottery, shall continue and be in force for the term of four Years, and untill the end of the next Session of the General Court, which shall be then after, and no longer.

Approved June 14, 1794.