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THE CONSOLIDATION BILL, As Finally Passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature, January 31, 1854.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA."

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ACT.

SECT. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the corporate name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia, shall be changed to "The City of Philadelphia," and the boundaries of the said city shall be extended so as to embrace the whole of the territory of the county of Philadelphia, and all the powers of the said corporation, as enlarged and modified by this act, shall be exercised and have effect within the said county and over the inhabitants thereof.

SECT. 2. The said city shall be divided into wards as follows, to wit:

First Ward—That part thereof bounded as follows:—Beginning at Wharton street and the river Delaware; thence along Wharton street to the Passyunk road; thence along the Passyunk road to Little Washington street; thence along Washington to Broad street; thence along Broad street to South street; thence along South street to the river Schuylkill; thence along the river Schuylkill to its junction with the river Delaware; thence along the river Delaware to the place of beginning, together with League Island.

Second Ward—That part thereof lying between Broad street and the river Delaware, and between the lines of aforesaid First ward and Christian street.

Third Ward—That part thereof lying between Broad street and the river Delaware, and between Christian street on the south, and Fitzwater, German, Mead and Catharine streets on the north.

Fourth Ward—That part thereof lying between Broad street and the river Delaware, and between the north line of aforesaid Third ward and South street.

Fifth Ward—That part thereof lying between Seventh street and the river Delaware and between South street and Chestnut street.

Sixth Ward—That part thereof lying between Seventh street and the river Delaware and between Chestnut street and Vine street, including all of Windmill Island.

Seventh Ward—That part thereof lying between Seventh street and the river Schuylkill and between South street and Spruce street.

Eighth Ward—That part thereof lying between Seventh street and the river Schuylkill and between Spruce street and Chestnut street.

Ninth Ward—That part thereof lying between Seventh street and the river Schuylkill and between Chestnut street and Arch street.

Tenth Ward—That part thereof lying between Seventh street and the river Schuylkill and between Arch street and Vine street.

Eleventh Ward—That part thereof lying between Third street and the river Delaware and between Vine street and Poplar street.

Twelfth Ward—That part thereof lying between Sixth street and Third street and between Vine street and Poplar street.

Thirteenth Ward—That part thereof lying between Sixth street and Tenth street, and between Vine street and Poplar street.

Fourteenth Ward—That part thereof lying between Tenth street and Broad street and between Vine street and Poplar street.

Fifteenth Ward—That part thereof lying between Broad street and the river Schuylkill and between Vine street and Poplar street.

Sixteenth Ward—That part thereof bounded as follows: beginning at Maiden street and the river Delaware, thence along Maiden street to the Frankford road, thence along the Frankford road to Franklin avenue, thence along Franklin avenue to Sixth street, thence along Sixth street to Poplar street, thence along Poplar street to the river Delaware, thence along the river Delaware to the place of beginning.

Seventeenth Ward—That part thereof bounded on the north by Oxford street, on the east by the Frankford road, on the south by Franklin avenue, and on the west by Sixth street.

Eighteenth Ward—That part thereof bounded as follows: beginning at Maiden street and the Delaware river, thence along Maiden street to the Frankford road, thence along Frankford road to Norris street, thence along Norris street to the river Delaware, thence along the river Delaware to the place of beginning.

Nineteenth Ward—That part thereof bounded as follows: beginning at Norris street and the Delaware river, thence along Norris street to the Frankford road, thence along the Frankford road to Oxford street, thence along Oxford street to Sixth street, thence along Sixth street to Lehigh avenue, thence along Lehigh avenue to the Frankford road, thence along the Frankford road to Westmoreland street, thence along Westmoreland street to the Point road, thence along the Point road to the north-east boundary of the district of Richmond, thence along the same to the river Delaware, thence along the river Delaware to the place of beginning.

Twentieth Ward—That part thereof bounded as follows: beginning at Poplar street and the river Schuylkill, thence along the said Poplar street to Sixth street, thence along the said Sixth street to Susquehanna Avenue, thence along the said Susquehanna Avenue to Eleventh street, thence along the said Eleventh street to Montgomery street, thence along the said Montgomery street to the river Schuylkill, thence along the same to the place of beginning.

Twenty-first Ward—That part thereof lying within the present bounds of the borough of Mayayunk and the townships of Roxborough and Penn, and the southern boundary thereof shall be as follows: beginning at Montgomery street and the river Schuylkill, thence along Montgomery street to Eleventh street, thence along Eleventh street to Susquehanna Avenue, thence along Susquehanna Avenue to Germantown road.

Twenty-second Ward—That part thereof lying within the present bounds of the townships of Germantown and Bristol and the borough of Germantown.

Twenty-third Ward—That part thereof including all the remainder of the present county of Philadelphia, east of the river Schuylkill. The said ward shall be entitled to elect four members of the Common Council by separate ticket, as follows: One member shall be elected by the qualified voters residing within the present limits of the townships of Delaware, Moreland and Byberry, one member by the qualified voters residing within the present limits of the townships of Oxford and Lower Dublin, one member by the qualified voters residing within the present limits of the borough of Frankford and Whitehall, and one member by the qualified voters residing in the remainder of the ward.

Twenty-fourth Ward—That part of the county of Philadelphia lying west of the river Schuylkill.

Provided, That whenever a street, road, avenue or river is named as a boundary in this section the centre thereof shall be understood.

Each of said wards, with the exception of the Seventeenth and Twenty-third, shall at the Municipal Election in 1854, elect three members to the Common Council. The Seventeenth Ward shall at said election elect four members by general ticket, and the Twenty-third Ward shall at said election elect four members as herein provided.

The qualified voters of each of the aforesaid Wards in the said city shall, at the municipal elections in said city, in the year 1855, and annually thereafter, be entitled to elect one member of the Common Council for every twelve hundred taxable inhabitants, and one for every fraction of six hundred or more of such taxables of said ward according to the enumeration of taxables made in the preceding year.

Provided, That no Ward shall have less than three Common Councilmen.

And it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of the county of Philadelphia in his proclamation for every municipal election in the year of 1855, and thereafter, to state the number of members of the Common Council which the qualified voters of each of the said wards shall be entitled to elect as aforesaid.

SECT. 3. On or before the first Monday in May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, the Commissioners of the county of Philadelphia (and thereafter the City Councils) shall lay out and establish a sufficient number, not less than six, election divisions in each of the wards established by the second section of this act, which divisions shall be, whenever practicable, bounded on all sides by streets, lanes, roads, alleys, avenues, streams of water, or by one of the boundary lines of said city, and shall be as nearly equal in number of taxable inhabitants as such boundaries will admit of, and shall be numbered respectively one, two, three, four, and so on. The said Commissioners and the said Councils when they establish the same, shall make an accurate description thereof, and cause it to be published in one or more of the daily papers of the city of Philadelphia, and shall file a copy of such description in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Philadelphia, to be and remain on record in said office; and if, at any election thereafter, there shall be more than four hundred votes polled in any of the said divisions, then at some period at least forty days previous to the next succeeding election, the City Councils shall arrange the divisions of the ward or wards where in such vote has been polled, and increase the number thereof if necessary.

SECT. 4. The legislative powers of the said city shall be vested in two bodies to be called the Select and Common Councils; the Select Council shall consist of one member from each ward, who shall have the same qualifications as are required by the Constitution of this Commonwealth for members of the Senate, and shall be elected as follows, to wit: on the first Tuesday in June, 1854, the qualified voters of the First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-third Wards respectively, shall elect one member to serve until the Monday succeeding the first Tuesday of May, 1855; and on the first Tuesday in June, 1854, and in the same manner the qualified voters of the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second, and Twenty-fourth Wards, respectively, shall elect one member to serve until 10 o'clock on the Monday succeeding the first Tuesday of May, 1856; and annually, thereafter, on the first Tuesday in May, the qualified voters of each ward in which there shall be a vacancy, shall elect one member qualified

as aforesaid, to serve for two years. The members of the Common Council shall have the same qualifications as are required by the Constitution of this Commonwealth for members of the House of Representatives, and shall be elected as follows, to wit: on the first Tuesday in June, 1851, the first election of members of said Common Council shall be held, and the persons then elected shall serve until 10 o'clock on the Monday succeeding the first Tuesday in May, 1855; and on the first Tuesday, in May, 1855, and annually thereafter, on the first Tuesday of May, the members of the said Common Council shall be elected and serve until the first Monday succeeding the first Tuesday in May ensuing their election. Provided, That no member of the State Legislature, nor any one holding office or employment from or under the State at the time of said election, shall be eligible as a member of said Councils; nor shall any member of said Councils, during the term for which he shall be elected, hold any office or employment herein created or provided for of a municipal character.

SECT. 5. The members of the Select and Common Councils, elected on the first Tuesday in June, 1851, shall meet at the City Hall, in said city, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the Monday succeeding their election, and shall then and there organize in separate chambers; the members of each Council shall each be sworn or affirmed to support the Constitution of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that they will discharge the duties of their office with fidelity; each Council shall elect a President and such other officers as may be deemed necessary for the transaction of business, and shall keep a journal of its proceedings, which shall be at all times open to public inspection; and on the Monday succeeding the first Tuesday in May, in each year thereafter, the members of Council elect shall meet as aforesaid with those whose terms have not expired, and shall take the oath of office and enter upon the duties thereof.

SECT. 6. Upon the first organization of the Councils provided for in the preceding section, the city of Philadelphia as established by this act, shall be vested with all the power, rights, privileges, and immunities, incident to a municipal corporation, and necessary for the proper government of the same, and those of the present corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Philadelphia; and upon the said organization of Councils, and upon proclamation made by the Mayor by direction of the said City Councils, fixing a day therefore, not exceeding sixty days after the first Tuesday in July, then next, all the power, rights, privileges and immunities possessed and enjoyed by the following corporations respectively, and of all officers under them, to wit: The Commissioners and inhabitants of the district of Southwark; the Commissioners and inhabitants of the incorporated districts of the Northern Liberties; the Commissioners and inhabitants of the Kensington district; the Commissioners and inhabitants of the district of Spring Garden; the Commissioners and inhabitants of the district of Moyamensing; the Commissioners and inhabitants of the district of Penn; the Commissioners and inhabitants of the district of Richmond, in the county of Philadelphia, and of the districts of West Philadelphia and Belmont, of the boroughs of Manayunk, Germantown, Frankford, Whitehall, Bridesburg and Aramingo, and of the townships of Passayunk, Kingessing, Blockley, Roxborough, Germantown, Bristol, Oxford, Lower Dublin, Moreland, Byberry, Northern Liberties, Delaware and Penn; also of the Board of Police of the Police District, the present Mayor and Councilmen of the city of Philadelphia; the Commissioners of the county of Philadelphia; the Treasurer and Auditors thereof; the County Board; the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the Supervisors of townships shall cease and terminate, except so much thereof as may be necessary to enable the city of Philadelphia, as established by this act, to collect the outstanding debts and make a full and complete settlement of the affairs thereof. Provided, That all treasurers, police and other officers of the aforesaid corporations, county and townships, shall continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices until superseded or dismissed by the authority of the city of Philadelphia, and be accountable as officers holding office under said city; and shall account for all moneys in their hands through the Auditor, and make payment to the Treasurer of the city. And provided, That no corporation hereby superseded, or whose estates may be forfeit by this act be vested in the city of Philadelphia or the present Councils of the corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, shall at any time after the passage of this act, contract any loan or debt, other than for the ordinary supplies, repairs and payment of labor and salaries.

SECT. 7. The qualified voters of the city of Philadelphia shall, on the first Tuesday in June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and the first Tuesday in May in every succeeding year thereafter, elect one person to serve as mayor of the said city by a plurality of votes, and in case of a tie, the council shall order a new election. He shall serve for two years, and until a successor shall be duly elected and qualified. He shall be at least thirty years of age, a citizen of the United States, and have resided seven years next preceding his election within this commonwealth, and the last two years thereof in said city. He shall take the usual oath of office in presence of the council, to be administered by one of the judges of the courts in said city, at twelve o'clock, noon, on the Tuesday next succeeding his election; besides the powers conferred by law, he shall have the like power and authority as the sheriff of the county of Philadelphia now has, for the suppression of any riot, disturbance and violation of law, and shall exercise the authority of making the requisition for the commanding officer of the military in lieu of the marshal of police as now authorized by law, and of dismissing all police officers and watchmen other than the marshal of police, for failure in the discharge of duty. It shall be the mayor's duty to communicate to councils, at least once a year, and oftener if deemed expedient, a general statement of the condition of the city in relation to its government, finances, and improvement; to recommend the adoption of all such measures as he may deem expedient for the security, health, cleanliness, improvement, and welfare of the city; to be vigilant and active in causing the laws and ordinances of the city to be duly executed; for which purposes, the marshal of police, all policemen and watchmen, shall obey his orders, and make report to him, when acting under his orders, and he shall exercise a constant supervision and control over the conduct of all subordinate officers, and receive and examine all complaints preferred against them, and generally perform all such duties as may be prescribed by the laws and ordinances of said city and of this Commonwealth; and he may call special meetings of the council whenever any public emergency may require. Every ordinance which shall have passed both councils, shall be presented to the mayor. If he approve, he shall sign it; but if he shall not approve, he shall return it, with his objections to the council in which it originated; which shall proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of that council shall agree to pass the ordinance, it shall be sent, with the objections, to the other council, by which, likewise, it