

CHAPTER MDCCXXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACTS OF ASSEMBLY MADE FOR THE RELIEF
OF INSOLVENT DEBTORS.²

Whereas so much of the laws of this commonwealth made for the relief of insolvent debtors, as authorized and empowered the justices of the supreme court, and the justices of the court of common pleas of the counties of this state, respectively, to discharge from personal imprisonment all persons who then were, or thereafter might be, held in execution for debt or demand, although the debts and demands to which any such prisoner was liable exceeded the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to any one of such prisoner's creditors, hath expired by its own limitation: And whereas justice and humanity require that insolvent debtors, who now are, or hereafter shall be, confined in the several gaols of this commonwealth, should be discharged, where presumption of fraud doth not appear, although their debts respectively shall exceed the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to any one creditor. Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I. P. L.) 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 from and after the passing of this act, the justices of the supreme court, and the judges of the several courts of common pleas of this state, respectively, shall have jurisdiction and power to discharge from imprisonment all persons who now are, or hereafter shall be, imprisoned for debts or demands, although such debts or demands exceed the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to any one creditor, and to grant relief in the premises, in the same manner and upon the same terms, as is directed by the acts of assembly of this commonwealth made for the relief of insolvent debtors.

²See Act of February 14, 1729-30, Chapter 315 and note.

(Section II. P. L.) And whereas by reason of the shortness of the terms of April and September, a debtor confined in prison by virtue of process of the supreme court of this commonwealth is not, agreeably to the existing laws, enabled to obtain a determination of the said court on his or her petition for the benefit of the laws respecting insolvent debtors, during the court to which such petition is presented, when such petition is exhibited in either of the said terms.

[Section II.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the supreme court of this commonwealth to proceed upon, hear and determine such petition, so exhibited in either of the said terms, upon such petitioners giving ten days notice to his or her creditors of the time and place appointed for hearing such debtor, and his or her creditor or creditors.

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CHAPTER MDCCXXV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO APPOINT COMMISSIONERS TO REGULATE THE STREETS, LANES AND ALLEYS IN THE DISTRICT OF SOUTHWARK, AND TO LAY OUT NEW STREETS, LANES AND ALLEYS THEREIN, FOR THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE INHABITANTS, AND TO LAY OUT THE ROADS THEREIN MENTIONED THROUGH THE SAID DISTRICT, AND PARTS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF MOYAMENSING AND PASSYUNK."

In order to remove doubts which have been entertained respecting the extent of the power vested in the executive of this commonwealth by the sixth section of the act, to which this is a supplement. Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I. P. L.) 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 it shall be lawful for the