

(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.

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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

governor of this commonwealth to issue his warrant for opening a part, or the whole, of any street or road in the said recited act mentioned, if, upon application and due consideration, he shall deem it most expedient so to do.

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CHAPTER MDCCXXVI.

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMISSION OF CERTAIN PERSONS AS WITNESSES, IN CASES RESPECTING THE SETTLEMENT OF PAUPERS.

Whereas it appears that great inconveniences arise from the non-admission of the testimony, in cases respecting the settlement of paupers, of persons inhabiting either of the townships concerned, inasmuch as it frequently excludes the best possible light and evidence the nature of the case admits. For remedy whereof:

[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 the justices of the peace and the judges of the several courts within this commonwealth, are hereby authorized to admit, in all cases respecting the settlement of paupers, the testimony of every otherwise legal witness, notwithstanding he, she or they may be inhabitants of the city, district, borough, township or townships, concerned.

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