

force until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and from thence until the end of the existing session of the legislature.

Passed April 19, 1794. Recorded L. B. No. 5, p. 237, &c.

¹Chapter 365.

See the Act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts passed March 1, 1745-46, Chapter 365 and note, See also the supplement to the Act in the text passed February 13, 1796, Chapter 1872; March 1, 1799; Chapter 2023; and February 26, 1801, Chapter 2202. The act in the text was continued until 1803 by the Act of April 4, 1798, Chapter 1995.

CHAPTER MDCCLV.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR SETTling THE ACCOUNTS OF JOHN BLAKE, LATE COLLECTOR OF TAXES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MORELAND, NOW PARTLY IN THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA AND PARTLY IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY.

Whereas it is represented to the legislature that John Blake, appointed collector of taxes in the county of Philadelphia, hath, in that capacity, caused certain taxes to be collected, for which he is unable to account, by reason of the refusal of a certain person who had received considerable sums of the said taxes, to account for the same; that his ostensible real and personal property have been seized by due course of law, and that he has been committed to the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia, where he now lies. And whereas this commonwealth, disposed to temper mercy with justice, by relieving the said John Blake from imprisonment, to enable him to maintain his family, and at the same time to compensate for his breach of trust. 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 upon the said John Blake's entering into bond, with two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, for the time

being, in the sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned that the said John Blake shall, within six months after the date thereof, render, upon oath or affirmation, a just and true account of all the public moneys received by him, or by persons acting under his authority, together with the names of the persons from whom received, and the time when received, and shall also, from time to time, when thereunto required, during the said term, answer, upon oath or affirmation, all such questions touching and concerning the premises, as shall be proposed to him by the said commissioners of the county aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the sheriff, or other officer in whose custody the said John Blake may be, to enlarge him from imprisonment during the said term, and that it shall be lawful for the judges of the county court of common pleas for the county of Philadelphia, upon the application of the said John Blake, and reasonable causes by him shown, and due notice thereof given to the commissioners, to enlarge the term hereinbefore allowed for such settlement of his accounts; provided such enlarged term do not exceed [six months; and] provided such security be taken for such enlarged term, in like manner as herein before required. And that the said John Blake shall, at all reasonable times during such term as shall be allowed for settling his accounts, be at liberty to inspect his books and papers, in the presence of the said commissioners, or of some person to be appointed by them, and to bring with him for his assistance such persons as he shall think fit, and to make extracts and copies thereof for the purpose aforesaid.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when the said John Blake shall have in all things complied with the directions hereinbefore contained, it shall be lawful for the judges of the court aforesaid, upon his petition, praying the benefit of this act, and due notice thereof given to the said commissioners, to afford the like relief to him, in like manner and upon the like terms and conditions, as is provided by the several acts of assembly for the relief of insolvent debtors,¹ save only, that the said John Blake shall assign to the commissioners of the said county all and

¹See the Act of February 14, 1729-30, Chapter 315, for the relief of insolvent debtors, etc.

singular his estate and effects, for the use and benefit of the counties of Philadelphia and Montgomery.

Provided, That nothing in this act contained shall extend to exonerate the said counties of Philadelphia and Montgomery from any part of [their] quota or proportion of public taxes or assessments due to this state, by reason of the default of the said John Blake, as aforesaid, nor to exonerate, annul or lessen the force and effect of any security or engagement entered into by any other person, for securing the payment of the moneys collected by him, or for his good behavior in the duties of his office.

Passed April 19, 1794. Recorded L. B. No. 5, p. 242, &c.

CHAPTER MDCCLVI.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR ERECTING THE TOWN OF CARLISLE, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, INTO A BOROUGH, FOR REGULATING THE BUILDINGS, PREVENTING NUISANCES AND ENCROACHMENTS ON THE COMMONS, SQUARES, STREETS, LANES AND ALLEYS OF THE SAME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED,"² PASSED THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO.

Whereas it hath been represented to the legislature by the inhabitants of the said borough, that the said act, to which this is a supplement, hath been found by experience to be defective, inasmuch as they have not power to raise money for any other public purpose than for repairing the streets, lanes, alleys and highways, which has greatly prevented other public necessary regulations and improvements from being made.

[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 and may be lawful for the assessors and supervisors, with the approbation of the bur-gesses and assistants of the said borough, or the majority of them

²Chapter 969.