

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed, deemed or taken to annul, vacate or make void the judgments obtained against any such members so discharged by the Speaker's order, as aforesaid, but that the plaintiff or plaintiffs therein may at any time afterwards (not excepted by this act) renew his or their execution or executions as to them shall seem meet, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That one moiety of all and every the forfeitures arising by virtue of this act shall go to the governor for the support of this government, and the other moiety to him or her that will sue for the same, to be recovered in any court of record within this province by bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law, or any more than one imparlance shall be allowed.

Passed March 30, 1722-23. Repealed by Act of Assembly passed May 20, 1724-25, Chapter 285, and also by the King in Council July 5, 1726. See Appendix VI, Section I.

CHAPTER CCLXVII.

A SUPPLEMENTARY ACT TO THE ACT ENTITLED, "AN ACT FOR EMITTING AND MAKING CURRENT FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS IN BILLS OF CREDIT."¹

Whereas for good reasons an act of general assembly of this province was made and published this session of assembly, entitled "An act for the emitting and making current fifteen thousand pounds in bills of credit," and because of the dubious construction of some words mentioned in the said act, it is apprehended the same will not answer the full intent for which it was made.

Wherefore, for better explanation thereof, and to supply any defects that may obstruct the good ends and purposes for which the said act was made:

¹ Passed March 2, 1722-23, Chapter 261.

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by Sir William Keith, Baronet, Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the consent of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the receipts enjoined to be given to the trustees by the provincial treasurer and the respective county treasurers of Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester, for the respective sums ordered to be paid to them, in bills of credit, by the said act of assembly, shall be deemed, taken and allowed to be good and sufficient discharges to the said trustees, their heirs, executors and administrators, for the sums in bills of credit in the said receipts mentioned to be received. And that after the aforesaid sum of eleven thousand pounds, in the said bills of credit ordered to be let out upon loan by the said act, shall be accounted for by the said trustees, and sunk according to the directions of the act of assembly, the aforesaid trustees, their heirs, executors and administrators, and every of them, shall from thenceforward stand and forever be clearly discharged and acquitted of and from all and all manner of securities, and other or further demands to be had or made for anything by them done in discharge and execution of the trust reposed in them by the said act.

And whereas the said trustees are enjoined by the said act to attend the loan office at Philadelphia two days in every week for the first six months after the date of the said bills, which attendance may prove burdensome to the said trustees and of no service to the public if all the said sum of eleven thousand pounds in bills of credit should be let out upon loan in less time than the space of six months:

[Section II.] Be it therefore enacted, That the attendance to be given at the said general loan office, after all the said bills of credit are let out upon loan, shall be at the discretion of the said trustees; anything in the aforesaid act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Spanish pistoles, or any pieces of good coined gold, shall pass in this province at the rate of two pence three farthings per grain, or five pounds ten shillings per ounce, in

all payments whatsoever, and shall be accepted accordingly in the general loan office of this province; and that no person shall exact any higher or other rates for the same under any pretense whatsoever.

Passed March 30, 1722-23. Allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix V, Section I.

CHAPTER CCLXVIII.

AN ADDITIONAL ACT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR LAYING AN EXCISE OR DUTY ON ALL WINE, RUM AND OTHER SPIRITS RETAILED IN THIS PROVINCE."¹

Whereas in an act of assembly of this province, made in the eighth year of the reign of his present Majesty, entitled "An act for the laying an excise or duty on all wine, rum and other spirits retailed in this province," there is contained a clause or proviso in the words following, viz.:

Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to hinder or debar any taverner, public house keeper or other person licensed, as aforesaid, to sell, vend or barter wine, rum or other spirits by the cask or wholesale, or to retail any quantity of wine, not less than a gallon, or any quantity of rum or other spirits, not less than a quart, duty free, so as the same be not used, expended or drank in such public house or tavern, or in any shed, shelter, yard, covert or other place belonging to the same.

By reason or means of which said proviso, the said act is rendered less effectual to answer the good ends thereby proposed, and the duty or excise thereby intended to be raised for the better support of the government is very much lessened. For [remedy] whereof:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by Sir William Keith, Baronet, Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,

¹ Passed May 12, 1722, Chapter 251.