

At a General Assembly begun and holden at Philadelphia, the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1725, and continued by adjournment until the twenty-fifth day of August, 1726, the following acts were passed:

CHAPTER COLXXXIX.

AN ACT FOR THE RE-EMITTING AND CONTINUING THE CURRENCY OF SUCH BILLS OF CREDIT OF THIS PROVINCE AS BY FORMER ACTS ARE DIRECTED TO BE SUNK AND DESTROYED, AND FOR THE STRIKING AND MAKING CURRENT £10,000 IN NEW BILLS, TO SUPPLY THOSE THAT ARE TORN AND DEFACED.

Whereas by an act of general assembly of this province, passed in the ninth year of his present Majesty's reign, bills of credit of fifteen thousand pounds value were struck and emitted, which, being found to fall short of a medium in trade and to supply the exigencies of such as had occasion to borrow upon securities prescribed by the same act, and to provide for the support of this government, therefore, by another act passed in the tenth year of his said Majesty's reign, bills of credit of thirty thousand pounds value were also struck and emitted.

And whereas as the annual sinking and destroying the said bills, pursuant to the same acts, hath already considerably reduced the quantity of this currency and the bills themselves (more especially of the lesser denominations) daily impairing, many of them are scarce fit to pass; which inconveniencies increasing, will shortly reduce the people of this province to great straits and difficulties unless some proper remedy be provided:

Therefore may it please the governor that it may be enacted:

[Section I.] And 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 Province aforesaid in General Assembly met, and by the authority of

the same, That such yearly quotas or payments (parcel of the principal sums emitted, in bills of credit of this province, pursuant to the direction of the said acts respectively) and such other principal sums which by virtue thereof or of any mortgage-deed or assurance thereby directed to be taken are, shall or may be paid, recovered or received from time to time from and after the seventeenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five, and before the sixteenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one, shall not be sunk or destroyed, nor shall any part or parcel of any such quotas or principal sums in bills of credit, payable within the space aforesaid unto the trustees nominated or to be nominated pursuant to the direction of those acts, be sunk or destroyed as the same acts or either of them direct; nor shall the said trustees or any of them nor any other person be culpable for not sinking or causing to be sunk or destroyed any bills of credit which they are by the same acts respectively directed to sink or to cause to be sunk or destroyed.

[Section II.] Therefore be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That neither the said trustees appointed by the two acts aforesaid nor any of them, nor any other person or persons whatsoever, shall presume to sink or destroy any of the said bills of credit otherwise or at any other time than is by this act particularly directed and appointed; nor shall any of them or their sureties, nor the heirs, executors or administrators of any of them, suffer any penalty, forfeiture or loss for not sinking or destroying the said bills of credit according to the tenor and direction of either of the said two acts made for emitting the same, but that every such part and parts, clause and clauses of the said two acts as are hereby altered or concerning which any other provision is made by this act, and so much of those acts as doth or may concern or relate to the sinking of the said bills, and the oaths or affirmations required, administered and taken by the said trustees for discharging their said trusts, together with the said oaths and affirmations themselves, shall be and are hereby repealed, utterly abrogated and made void to all intents and purposes

whatsoever, any law or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

But that the same yearly quotas and principal sums in bills of credit so to be paid in, unto and received by the said trustees or any of them within the time before limited, whether payable by the provincial or any of the county treasurers, or by the mayor or treasurer of Philadelphia, or by any mortgagor or persons whatsoever, and every part and parcel of the same sums, shall from time to time be re-emitted by the trustees of the general loan office of the province of Pennsylvania for the time being upon loans as hereinafter mentioned and appointed.

[Section III.] And it is hereby provided and enacted, That the said treasurers and mayor of Philadelphia aforesaid are hereby required to pay such of the yearly quotas and sums as by the said acts they are directed to pay within the time aforesaid unto the said trustees and none other, who are hereby required to give their receipts for the same, which receipts shall be sufficient discharges in the law, the same acts or anything therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that all the yearly quotas or parcels of the principal sums arising upon these re-emissions which shall be paid into the general loan office of the province of Pennsylvania on or before the sixteenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one, shall by the trustees thereof for the time being be re-emitted again on securities as aforesaid, and so from time to time until all principal moneys anyways accruing that shall be paid unto them on or before the sixteenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one, shall be wholly re-emitted.

[Section IV.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the trustees of the general loan office aforesaid shall lend out the value of all the bills of credit that they shall receive to be re-emitted, as before in this present act directed, in sums not exceeding one hundred pounds nor less than twelve pounds ten shillings to any one person, for and during all the rest and residue of the twelve years and a half in the said-re-cited thirty-thousand-pound act limited, commencing from the

times of the same respective loans by this present act; to be made upon securities of messuages, lands, tenements, rents and hereditaments in this province, of which the respective mortgagors stand seized in fee-simple, clear of incumbrances, the proprietary's quit-rents and other rents discovered to the said trustees issuing out of the same securities excepted, of which title and clearness the said trustees are to inform themselves the best they can, and to observe the same directions in the valuation thereof and in proportioning such valuation to the sums requested to be lent as the same thirty-thousand-pound act before recited directeth upon loans thereby made; whereupon the said trustees, in pursuance of the trust hereby committed to them, shall in the name and style of the trustees of the general loan office of the province of Pennsylvania and not otherways, take and receive deeds of mortgage in fee-simple of such messuages, lands, tenements, rents or hereditaments as aforesaid for securing the repayments of the sums they lend, to be made yearly and every year of the remainder of the twelve years and a half aforesaid by even and equal annual payments, and so proportionably for the part or parts of a year as occasion may happen, together with the whole interest at the rate appointed by the said acts; which deeds executed and acknowledged, or proved as hereinafter mentioned, shall transfer the possession and vest the inheritance to and in the trustees of the general loan office aforesaid and their successors in trust in the same manner and form and as fully and effectually as the said thirty-thousand-pound act transferreth and vesteth the possession and inheritance of and in lands and hereditaments thereby mortgaged; and the words, "grant, bargain and sell," in the mortgage-deeds hereby directed to be taken shall amount unto and be construed and adjudged of the same virtue, force and effect, to all intents, constructions and purposes in the law whatsoever, as the words, "grant, bargain and sell," are in the same thirty-thousand-pound act mentioned and intended to be of, and that as fully and effectually as if here again particularly repeated and expressed.

And that the said trustees of the general loan office as such

and in pursuance of the trust hereby committed to them shall also receive and take of each mortgagor, together with his mortgage-deed, an obligation and warrant of attorney with a release of errors in the same warrant inserted under his hand and seal duly executed, the obligation in double the sum borrowed and conditioned for payment of the mortgage-moneys, according to the proviso or condition of the mortgage-deed, and the warrant of attorney authorizing and empowering such person or persons as the said trustees shall direct, therein to be nominated for that purpose, to acknowledge or suffer judgment, which judgment the said trustees for the time being are hereby required to cause their attorney to enter against such mortgagor as shall make default in payment of the mortgage-money or any part thereof in the like manner and form and as fully and effectually as the said thirty-thousand-pound act directeth to be entered against such defaulters, in the sense of the same act to all intents and purposes.

On every of which deeds of mortgage shall be indorsed the mortgagor's oath or affirmation, which the said trustees or any one of them is hereby empowered and required to administer, which shall be of the same tenor, form and efficacy and have the same exceptions as the said thirty-thousand-pound act prescribeth borrowers of the sums thereby emitted on securities.

And the same mortgage-deeds (for the better preservation of securities hereby directed to be taken), being so executed as aforesaid and acknowledged by the mortgagor, or proved by two of the witnesses to the execution thereof before any justice of the peace of any county of this province, shall be entered at large in books of royal or other large paper well covered or bound, to be provided and kept by and at the proper charge of the trustees, which deeds so entered shall be and are hereby declared to be matter of record, and an attested copy of any such entry, certified under the hands of the said trustees for the time being or any three of them, shall be and is hereby declared to be good evidence to prove the sale or mortgage thereby mentioned to be made, and the same may be showed, pleaded and made use of accordingly.

[Section V.] And be it further enacted by the authority

aforesaid, That each payment of mortgage-moneys inserted in any mortgage-deeds hereby directed to be taken being paid, the trustees or any of them shall endorse on the deed a receipt for the same under his or their hand, and so from time to time until the whole sum lent with the interest accruing be fully paid and satisfied, and upon full payment and satisfaction (which the mortgagor, his heirs, executors or administrators, may make of the principal sums lent at any time before forfeiture and sale of the mortgaged premises with interest to the time of such payment at the rate aforesaid) the mortgage shall be released and delivered by the mortgagees thereof, from which time the lands and hereditaments so mortgaged shall be forever acquitted and discharged, and the mortgagees shall thereupon make an entry in the margin of the enrollment of such mortgage-deed of the day and time of such release and discharge, for which there shall be paid by the mortgagor the sum of six pence and no more, an attested copy of which entry, certified by the trustees of the said general loan office or a majority of them, shall be as valid and effectual as their reconveyance of the mortgaged premises made and executed in due form of law may or can be to the mortgagors, their heirs and assigns respectively.

Provided always, That until some default shall be made in payment by the respective mortgagors it shall be lawful for them and their heirs to hold and enjoy the mortgaged premises with the appurtenances, the mortgage-deeds or anything therein to the contrary notwithstanding.

But if any default shall be made or suffered of or in payment of any of the yearly sums hereinbefore mentioned, whether in part or principal or interest, which any of the mortgagors (by this present act), their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, should or ought to have paid at any of the days, time or place in and by their respective mortgage-deeds, to be particularly specified, then and so often and in any such case it shall and may be lawful for the said trustees for the time being, at their discretion, to take their remedy and proceed for recovery of the mortgage-moneys according to the provisos or conditions in the mortgage-deeds respectively contained, or by

any such ways or means as are particularly directed in and by the said thirty-thousand-pound act for recovery of sums thereby emitted, with and under all and singular the like provisos, conditions and limitations thereby directed as if the same were here again particularly enumerated and expressed. And the sales and assurances by this act to be made shall be of the same force and effect to the purchasers and as valid and conclusive against all other persons as any sale by that act directed to be made may or can be to all intents and purposes in the law whatsoever.

[Section VI.] And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That indented bills of credit to the value of ten thousand pounds current money of America, according to an act of Parliament made in the sixth year of the reign of the late Queen Anne, referred to by the said two acts, with counterparts of the same bills, shall be prepared and printed before the twenty-fifth day of March next ensuing on good paper under the care and direction of the trustees of the said general loan office, but at the charge of the province, to be paid by the said trustees or by the provincial treasurer by their order.

[Section VII.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said bills shall severally contain therein the sums hereafter respectively mentioned and no other: (That is to say) nine thousand of the same bills, the sum of one shilling in each of them; ten thousand of the same bills, the sum of one shilling and six pence in each of them; three thousand of the same bills, the sum of two shillings in each of them; eight thousand of the same bills, the sum of two shillings and six pence in each of them; twenty thousand of the same bills, the sum of five shillings in each of them; and five thousand of the same bills, the sum of ten shillings in each of them. And the said original bills shall have the same arms impressed thereon and be of the same tenor and form as original bills of the same denomination respectively are directed and appointed to be of by the said-recited thirty-thousand-pound act, save only the difference in the date and names of the signers thereunto subscribed.

And that all and singular the bills which shall be made and

issued in pursuance of this present act, and all and singular other the bills of credit of this province issued in pursuance of the said-recited acts of assembly respectively which hitherto remain unsunk, shall in all respects have the same currency and be of the same effect in law and equity with respect to payments, tenders or bringing the same into court for performance of any contract, bargain or promise whatsoever, and to all other intents and purposes as any other bills of credit emitted by virtue of the said thirty-thousand-pound act may, can or ought to have and be of.

And that persons offering to sale goods or chattels, lands or tenements, or [who] refuse to sell or ask a greater value for the same unless paid in silver, gold or other specie whatsoever and not in the bills of credit made current by this present and those former acts or any of them, shall incur the same penalties as persons in the like cases ought to incur by the said thirty-thousand-pound act.

And that whatsoever person or persons shall presume to forge or counterfeit any of the said bills of credit issued in pursuance of this present or either of the said former acts or shall be aiding or assisting therein, or shall enlarge the value or sum expressed in any of the said bills, or shall utter or cause to be uttered or offered in payment any such bill or bills knowing the same to be actually forged, counterfeited or the sum or value therein altered with an intent to defraud any other person, he, she or they so offending and being thereof legally convicted shall for every such offense incur and suffer the same pains and penalties respectively as forgers or counterfeiters of bills are by the said thirty-thousand-pound act directed to incur and suffer; and the discoverer or prosecutor by virtue of this present act shall be paid and satisfied his damages with costs and charges of prosecution in like manner as the discoverer and prosecutor by virtue of the same thirty-thousand-pound act is or ought to be paid and satisfied. And that no suit or prosecution whatsoever to be commenced or brought against any person or persons in order to recover any of the said penalties be stayed before judgment or conviction.

[Section VIII.] And be it further enacted by the authority



aforesaid, That each of the said new bills to be made by virtue of this act shall be signed and numbered by the persons hereby appointed signers of the same bills, to wit: Evan Owen, John Wright and Thomas Tresse. And if any of the said signers shall happen to die or be rendered incapable of doing his duty required by this act, the assembly for the time being shall appoint other persons to supply such deficiencies from time to time until all the bills to the said value of ten thousand pounds shall be signed, and together with their counterparts numbered and delivered as this act directs.

But before any of the persons before nominated or hereafter to be appointed signers of bills of credit by virtue of this act presume to act therein, they shall take an oath or affirmation before any one justice of the peace of the city or county of Philadelphia, who is hereby empowered and required to administer the same, charging them jointly and severally that they will well and truly sign and number all the said original bills of credit and number their counterparts that shall come to their hands for that purpose by the direction of this act, and the same so signed and numbered will deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustees of the general loan office of this province, pursuant to the directions of the same act.

[Section IX.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees within ten days after the said new bills and counterparts are prepared and deposited with them, as by this act is directed, shall deliver out at the place where they keep the said loan office the value of one thousand pounds out of the said ten thousand pounds to the signers hereby appointed, who, having signed and numbered the original bills so delivered them and truly numbered the counterparts thereof, shall immediately re-deliver them to the said trustees, who shall thereupon give their receipts for the same.

And after the said bills to the value of one thousand pounds aforesaid are exchanged by the said trustees as this act directs, then the trustees of the said loan office for the time being shall within ten days next after deliver out at their said office to the signers of bills for the time being the further value of one thousand pounds more of the said ten thousand pounds, who, hav-

ing signed and numbered the original bills so delivered them and numbered the counterparts thereof, shall immediately re-deliver them to the trustees, who shall thereupon give their receipts as abovesaid; and so from time to time till the whole value of the said ten thousand pounds, by delivering, signing, numbering and re-delivering one thousand pounds value at a time, shall be exchanged as this act directs; and the said counterparts so numbered and re-delivered as aforesaid shall be kept by the said trustees for trying the truth of their originals when there shall be occasion.

And the said signers shall cause to be kept a true account of all the bills they so respectively sign and deliver as aforesaid. And for their care and trouble required of them by this act the signers of each thousand pounds parcel shall receive three pounds apiece in six days after their delivery thereof with their counterparts as above directed, to be paid by the trustees for the time being unto each signer, his executors, administrators or assigns.

[Section X.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees shall be stiled, as heretofore, "The Trustees of the General Loan Office of the Province of Pennsylvania," and shall have succession and the same capacities and powers for putting this present and those two other acts in execution to all intents and purposes as in the said thirty-thousand-pound act is contained and settled for putting the same in execution, subject, nevertheless, to all and singular the provisos, alterations, limitations and restrictions in and by this present act provided and enacted.

[Section XI.] And it is hereby further provided and enacted, That every article, clause and sentence in the said two former acts respectively (except such clauses and parts thereof as are hereby altered, supplied or concerning which other provision is hereby made) shall be and are hereby declared and enacted to be of full force and virtue in the law.

[Section XII.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That before any of the said trustee or trustees for the time being shall be in or enter upon the execution of the trust by this act required, they shall each one of them enter into a

bond to the provincial treasurer of this province for the time being in the penalty of five hundred pounds, conditioned for the due observance of all things required of him in performance of the trust reposed in him by this present act, and shall each of them also make oath or affirmation before any justice of the peace of the city or county of Philadelphia, who is hereby empowered and required to administer the same, that, to the best of his skill and knowledge, he will faithfully, impartially and truly demean himself in the discharge of the trust committed to him by this present act, as also in the discharge of the remaining part of the trust committed to him by the two recited acts, so as none may be prejudiced by his consent, privity or procurement.

And that the said trustees, assuming upon themselves the execution of the trust by this present act required of them, shall be allowed for their service and trouble therein at and after the rate of twenty pounds per annum each, added to their salaries hereafter accruing by the said former acts, payable to each of them in bills of credit of this province for and during the continuance of the said thirty-thousand-pound act; and that [they] the said trustees or any two of them shall duly attend at the said loan office the first third day of the week, called Tuesday, in the months called March, May, July, September, November and January, yearly, for receiving the sums to be paid in pursuance to this and the said two former acts respectively, and for emitting the sums to be lent by the direction of this present act, until all the quotas to be paid in pursuance to this and the said former acts be re-emitted, and afterwards at such times as the trust and service of the public may require them during the continuance of the said thirty-thousand-pound act; and that the said trustees or one of them or some other person under their direction and for whom they shall be accountable shall duly attend at the place where the said office is kept on the first fourth day of the week, called Wednesday, in every month, then and there to deliver out new bills of the ten thousand pounds value hereby directed to be struck to such persons as demand them in exchange and in lieu of such torn and defaced bills as the said trustees or any of them shall judge to be

genuine bills of this province and of equal value with those they so give in exchange until the whole ten thousand pounds value aforesaid be wholly exchanged; which torn and defaced bills, being kept by the said trustees, shall by them be produced for their vouchers to discharge themselves of the ten thousand pounds value aforesaid before any committee of assembly to be appointed auditors of the said trustees' accounts, who shall thereupon cause the said torn and defaced bills to be sunk and destroyed.

And that the clerk hereinafter appointed shall once a year make out a list of the securities by this act directed to be taken, containing the persons' names to whom the sums are lent and the times when; and the same lists shall submit and deliver to the assemblies of this province for the time being from time to time until all the sums hereby directed to be emitted be wholly comprehended and delivered.

[Section XIII.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any committee of assembly of this province, being appointed auditors of accounts of the said trustees, the same auditors for the time being shall once in every year or oftener call the said trustees to account for all the moneys in bills of credit they shall receive, recover and pay, exchange or emit in pursuance of this act, and all the interest to be received upon securities hereby directed to be taken (whether the same interest accrue on or before the said sixteenth day of January, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one, or afterwards) being accounted for and the salaries and charges allowed by this act being deducted, they the said trustees shall dispose thereof as the assemblies of this province shall from time to time order and direct.

And that all the yearly quotas or parcels of the principal sums which shall or ought to be paid in into the said loan office aforesaid at any time after the said sixteenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one, remaining in the hands of the trustees thereof for the time being shall within ten days after every such audit be sunk and destroyed by or in the presence of the same auditors respectively, they having first compared the original bills with their counter-

parts as they shall have occasion and entered the number and value of each bill so destroyed into a book to be kept for that purpose.

[Section XIV.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Charles Brockden, of Philadelphia, shall be and is hereby nominated and appointed to be clerk of the general loan office hereby erected during the continuance of this act, to advise and assist the trustees thereof in and about the titles aforesaid and for the devising and preparing of the mortgage-deeds and writings of the mortgagors hereinbefore directed to be given and for recording of the same mortgage-deeds. And in case of the removal of the said Charles Brockden by death or otherwise the said trustees for the time being shall appoint a fit person to supply his place, and so from time to time during the continuance of this act as often as there shall be occasion; which persons so to [be] nominated shall thereupon act in that station until the general assembly of this province for the time being disapprove such appointment by nominating another in his stead, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the said clerk, for his trouble, care and diligence, shall have and receive of every mortgagor the like fees and perquisites as the said thirty-thousand-pound act specifeth and directeth to be paid in like cases to the clerk thereby directed to be chosen. But before the person hereby nominated or hereafter to be elected clerk aforesaid shall enter upon the execution of his duty aforesaid, he shall enter into bond to the provincial treasurer for the time being in the penalty of five hundred pounds conditioned for the due observance of all things required of him by this act, and shall also take an oath or affirmation before any one justice of the peace of the city or county of Philadelphia, who is hereby empowered and required to administer the same, that he shall truly and faithfully perform and execute the office and duty that is directed and required of him by this present act, and that he will keep a just and true account of the names of all such persons as shall apply unto the loan office aforesaid for bills of credit, and will prepare and record the deeds of mortgage in the same order of time as their applica-

tions are made without any undue preference, unnecessary delays or fraudulent practice.

[Section XV.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That after all the sums and bills of credit to be received by the trustees of the general loan office aforesaid are so by them accounted for and sunk pursuant to the direction of this act, the same trustees and trustees for the time being, their heirs, executors and administrators and every of them, shall thenceforwards stand and forever be clearly discharged and acquitted of and from all manner of obligations, securities, actions, causes of actions, and of and from all further or other accounts and demands whatsoever, to be made or rendered by them of or for any trust unto them committed or anything by them done in pursuance of this act.

Passed March 5, 1725-26. See Appendix VII, Section I, and note to the Acts of Assembly passed March 2, 1722-23, Chapter 261; and the Acts of Assembly passed May 10, 1729, Chapter 300; February 14, 1729-30, Chapter 310; August 15, 1730, Chapter 317; February 6, 1730-31, Chapter 319; August 25, 1738, Chapter 345; (the two acts of) May 19, 1739, Chapters 348, 353; May 26, 1744, Chapter 361; March 7, 1745-46, Chapter 363; June 24, 1746, Chapter 370; February 4, 1748-49, Chapter 373; June 28, 1755, Chapter 402; November 27, 1755, Chapter 406; September 21, 1756, Chapter 412; March 23, 1757, Chapter 422; June 17, 1757, Chapter 423; April 22, 1758, Chapter 431; April 17, 1759, Chapter 437; June 20, 1759, Chapter 444; September 29, 1759, Chapter 448; April 12, 1760, Chapter 453; March 14, 1761, Chapter 464; September 26, 1761, Chapter 470; May 14, 1762, Chapter 483; April 2, 1763, Chapter 499; October 22, 1763, Chapter 505; March 23, 1764, Chapter 509; May 30, 1764, Chapter 513; September 20, 1766, Chapter 547; May 20, 1767, Chapter 559; September 26, 1767, Chapter 569; February 17, 1768, Chapter 571; (the three acts of) February 18, 1769, Chapters 579, 580, 586; May 27, 1769, Chapter 595; September 30, 1769, Chapter 599; September 29, 1770, Chapter 617; March 9, 1771, Chapter 622; (the two acts of) March 21, 1772, Chapters 656, 661; September 19, 1772, Chapter 670; February 26, 1773, Chapter 672; (the two acts of) September 28, 1773, Chapters 686, 688; January 22, 1774, Chapter 692; July 23, 1774, Chapter 697; September 29, 1774, Chapter 699; December 14, 1774, Chapter 700; September 30, 1775, Chapter 715; August 1, 1776, Chapter 728; January 29, 1777, Chapter 738; (the two acts of) March 20, 1777, Chapters 752, 753; June 13, 1777, Chapter 755; October 13, 1777, Chapter 767; December 10, 1777, Chapter 768; December 23, 1777, Chapter 771; March 23, 1778, Chapter 791; May 25, 1778, Chapter 800; December 5, 1778, Chapter 823; March 20, 1779, Chapter 830; November 26, 1779, Chapter 869; March 8, 1780, Chapter 888; March 25, 1780, Chapter 907; May 31, 1780, Chapter

911; June 1, 1780, Chapter 912; September 22, 1780, Chapter 918; December 19, 1780, Chapter 921; December 22, 1780, Chapter 923; December 23, 1780, Chapter 924; February 20, 1781, Chapter 927; April 7, 1781, Chapter 939; April 10, 1781, Chapter 942; June 21, 1781, Chapter 945; June 25, 1781, Chapter 948; April 13, 1782, Chapter 978; April 15, 1782, Chapter 983; September 21, 1782, Chapter 995; January 31, 1783, Chapter 1003; March 12, 1783, Chapter 1008; March 13, 1783, Chapter 1011; March 16, 1785, Chapter 1137; April 4, 1785, Chapter 1159; September 10, 1785, Chapter 1174; March 1, 1786, Chapter 1202; March 17, 1786, Chapter 1212; March 18, 1786, Chapter 1214; April 8, 1786, Chapter 1225; (the two acts of) March 28, 1787, Chapters 1282, 1283; November 27, 1787, Chapter 1328; March 22, 1788, Chapter 1340; March 29, 1788, Chapter 1348; November 22, 1788, Chapter 1384; March 21, 1789, Chapter 1402; March 27, 1789, Chapter 1415; November 20, 1789, Chapter 1467; December 4, 1789, Chapter 1470; December 8, 1789, Chapter 1473; March 29, 1790, Chapter 1502; April 1, 1790, Chapter 1506; April 7, 1791, Chapter 1554; April 9, 1791, Chapter 1560; September 30, 1791, Chapter 1594; April 10, 1792, Chapter 1646; February 9, 1793, Chapter 1653; April 11, 1793, Chapter 1697; April 18, 1794, Chapter 1750; February 25, 1795, Chapter 1802; April 4, 1805, P. L. 280. The right to issue bills of credit in the future was surrendered by the States by the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section 10.

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## CHAPTER COXC.

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### AN ACT FOR LAYING A DUTY ON NEGROES IMPORTED INTO THIS PROVINCE.

We the representatives of the freemen of the province of Pennsylvania desire that it may be enacted:

[Section I.] And 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, That for every negro which shall be imported, landed or brought into this province at any time after the five-and-twentieth day of the month called March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-six, and before the five-and-twentieth day of the said [month] which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine, other than such negroes as are actually shipped for sailors and