

CHAPTER CCCCXXIV.

AN ACT EMPOWERING THE GOVERNOR TO DISCHARGE HIS PART OF THE OPERATIONS OF THIS CAMPAIGN STIPULATED IN BEHALF OF THIS PROVINCE BETWEEN HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN, EARL OF LOUDOUN, AND THE GOVERNORS OF THE SOUTHERN COLONIES.

Whereas by an act of this assembly, entitled "A supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for granting the sum of sixty thousand pounds to the King's use and for striking fifty-five thousand pounds thereof in bills of credit, and to provide a fund for sinking the same,' and for granting to his Majesty the additional sum of one hundred thousand pounds,"¹ amongst other things it is provided and enacted that the sum of one hundred thousand pounds be given to the King's use "for and towards supporting eleven hundred men, officers included, to be employed as ranging companies on the frontiers of this province and for making incursions upon the enemy, and three hundred men to remain in garrison, and for building, equipping and maintaining a vessel-of-war for the protection of trade and for other purposes for His Majesty's service."

And whereas it appears by the minutes of a meeting of the governors of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania with the Earl of Loudoun, commander-in-chief of His Majesty's forces in North America, begun at Philadelphia, March the fifteenth, and continued by several adjournments to March the twenty-fourth, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, laid before this assembly on the seventh day of this instant June, that the governor in behalf of this province had at the said meeting stipulated and agreed, in consideration of the situation of the several provinces and the intelligence received from different parts (by which it appeared that there was danger of the enemies making an attack on the province of South Carolina), that there ought to be two hundred men de-

¹ Passed March 23, 1757, Chapter 422.

tached out of the provincial troops of this government to be transported from hence by sea to Charleston in South Carolina, in order to join the troops of several other of the [southern] colonies to be employed in the defense of that valuable province.

But forasmuch as there is no provision made by the act hereinbefore-mentioned for the transporting the said two hundred men out of this province or for raising or paying any forces for other purposes than by the said act is provided and enacted:

We the representatives of the freemen of the province of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, considering the part the southern provinces were to take in the operations of this campaign, as settled between Lord Loudoun and the respective governors of those colonies, and being desirous of doing everything in our power towards the defense of the province of South Carolina and for His Majesty's service in North America do pray that it may be enacted:

[Section I.] And be it enacted by the Honorable William Denny, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania and counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex upon Delaware, by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the governor of this province to raise two hundred effective men, exclusive of commissioned officers (part of the troops of this government to be raised by the act hereinbefore-mentioned), to be transported from hence by sea to Charleston in South Carolina at the charge of this province, to be defrayed out of the aforesaid sum of one hundred thousand pounds given to the King's use by the act herein first above mentioned, entitled "A supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for granting the sum of sixty thousand pounds to the King's use and for striking fifty-five thousand pounds thereof in bills of credit and to provide a fund for sinking the same, and for granting to His Majesty the additional sum of one hundred thousand pounds.'" And the commissioners in the said act nominated and appointed or the major

part of them or of the survivors of them, with the approbation of the governor, are hereby authorized and empowered out of the said hundred thousand pounds granted to the King's use to allow a bounty to such as are willing to go, and to defray the charges of transporting them to South Carolina and back again, and to pay them like wages during that service as the other troops of this province are allowed, anything in the said act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Passed June 18, 1757. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, January 27, 1758; and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXI, Section IV.

CHAPTER CCCCXXV.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE GOVERNOR TO DRAW OUT AND MARCH ONE THOUSAND MEN, PART OF THE TROOPS OF THIS PROVINCE, OR THE LIKE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS TO BE RAISED, FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW YORK.

Whereas there is certain intelligence that the borders of the province of New York are invaded by a large number of the French and their savage Indian allies, and the inhabitants thereof in the greatest danger and need of assistance in defending themselves and their properties from the cruel and barbarous depredations of the enemy,

We the representatives of the freemen of the province of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, being deeply affected with the distress of our neighbor colony and desirous of sending immediate assistance to the said province of New York and of affording it in this time of extreme danger all the relief in our power under our present distressed circumstances, do pray it may be enacted:

[Section I.] And be it enacted by the Honorable William Denny, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania and counties of