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CHAPTER DXLIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ENABLE CERTAIN PERSONS THEREIN NAMED TO ERECT A COURT-HOUSE AT EASTON, IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, AND TO LEVY A TAX UPON THE INHABITANTS OF THE SAID COUNTY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSE THEREOF."¹

Whereas by an act passed in the third year of the present reign, entitled "An act to enable certain persons therein named to erect a court-house at Easton, in the county of Northampton, and to levy a tax upon the inhabitants of the said county to defray the expenses thereof,"¹ it was enacted that it should be lawful for the commissioners and assessors of the said county, or a majority of them, to assess and levy so much money as John Jones, Thomas Armstrong, James Martin, John Rinker and Henry Allshouse, trustees appointed by said act, or any three of them, should judge necessary for building a court-house in the town of Easton and finishing the prison already erected, provided the sum so raised did not exceed the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds current money of this province:

And whereas it has been represented to this house by the petition of the said trustees that they have already raised and expended the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds and upwards in building a court-house in the town of Easton in pursuance of the act hereinbefore mentioned, and that they yet remain indebted to the several workmen employed in building the same in the sum of five hundred and forty-eight pounds current money of this province; and as no further provision is made by the said act for raising any further sums of money for the purpose aforesaid, whereby the good purposes of the said act may be defeated:

¹ Passed March 4, 1763, Chapter 496.

For remedy whereof:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable John Penn, 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 commissioners and assessors of the said county of Northampton, or a majority of them, to assess and levy, and they are hereby authorized and required to assess and levy so much money on the inhabitants of the said county as the trustees hereinbefore mentioned, or any three of them, shall judge necessary for finishing the court-house already erected and discharging the debts already contracted in building the same, provided the sum so raised shall not exceed the sum of five hundred and forty-eight pounds current money of this province, all which said money so to be assessed and levied shall be assessed and levied in the same manner, by the same persons and under the same penalties as in and by the act passed in the eleventh year of the late King George the First, entitled "An act for raising county rates and levies,"¹ is directed and enjoined to be assessed and levied, and that every article, clause and thing therein contained concerning the assessing and levying the tax hereby imposed shall be used, exercised and put in practice for assessing and levying the money aforesaid to all intents and purposes as if the articles, clauses and things were inserted in this act.

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¹ Passed March 20, 1724-25, Chapter 284.