

intestates' estates,"¹ passed in the fourth year of the reign of the late Queen Anne, or anything therein contained, shall not be construed to extend to the estates of feme covert that shall die intestate, but that their husbands may demand and have administration of their rights, credits and other personal estates and recover and enjoy the same as they might have done before the making of the said act.

Passed March 21, 1772. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, January 15, 1773, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXX.

As to Section I, see the Act of Assembly passed April 22, 1856, P. L. 532.

As to Sections II and III, see the note to the Act of Assembly passed November 27, 1700, Chapter 48; and the Acts of Assembly passed April 4, 1797, Chapter 1949; April 4, 1798, Chapter 2009; March 20, 1810, P. L. 208; March 26, 1827, P. L. 129; March 23, 1829, P. L. 107; February 24, 1834, P. L. 70; August 2, 1842, P. L. 458; March 23, 1877, P. L. 34; June 18, 1895, P. L. 197.

As to Section IV, see the Act of Assembly passed June 16, 1836, P. L. 755.

As to Section V, see the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed November 27, 1700, Chapter 31; January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 135; and the Acts of Assembly passed April 19, 1794, Chapter 1751; April 4, 1797, Chapter 1949; January 21, 1819, P. L. 25; March 15, 1832, P. L. 135; April 6, 1833, P. L. 207; April 8, 1833, P. L. 315; April 11, 1848, P. L. 536; May 4, 1855, P. L. 430; April 17, 1869, P. L. 71; May 2, 1889, P. L. 66.

CHAPTER DCLXX.

AN ACT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS PROVINCE AND PAYMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBTS.

Whereas in and by an act of general assembly passed in the ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for raising the sum of sixteen thousand pounds for the support of the government of this province and payment of the public

¹ Passed January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 135.

debts and other purposes therein mentioned,"¹ it was declared and enacted, that the provincial treasurer out of the bills of credit thereby directed to be prepared and emitted should pay off and discharge all such drafts and certificates as had been before the passing thereof made by the assembly together with such drafts and orders as should be drawn on him by the trustees of the state house for the purposes in the said act mentioned, and that after the payment thereof the surplus should be disposed of by act of general assembly:

And whereas in and by one other act of general assembly passed in the tenth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for the support of the government of this province and payment of the public debts,"² a part of the said surplus was disposed of and applied to the payment of the public debts, leaving the sum of six hundred and ninety-five pounds and five pence unappropriated by the legislature:

And whereas in and by one other act of general assembly passed in the twelfth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for the support of the government of this province, making the excise on wine, rum, brandy and other spirits more equal, and preventing frauds in the collecting and paying the said excise,"³ the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds in bills of credit was deposited in the hands of the provincial treasurer who was thereby directed to pay off and discharge with the said bills all such drafts and certificates as had before the passing of the same act been drawn and made by order of assembly for public debts; and it was further declared and enacted that the surplus of the said bills should be disposed of by act of general assembly:

And whereas after the payment of the said certificates, drafts and orders there remains a surplus to be disposed of in manner aforesaid:

And we the representatives of the freemen of this province, being desirous to support the honor and dignity of government and discharge the public debts, do pray that it may be enacted:

¹ Passed February 18, 1769, Chapter 580.

² Passed September 30, 1769, Chapter 599.

³ Passed March 21, 1772, Chapter 656.

[Section I.] And be it enacted by the Honorable Richard Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, 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 the said provincial treasurer shall and he is hereby enjoined and required to apply and appropriate towards the payment and discharge of all such certificates, drafts and orders as have been heretofore made by order of assembly, in the first place, the said sum of six hundred and ninety-five pounds and five pence, the residue of the bills of credit so deposited in his hands by the said first-recited act, and afterwards so much of the said bills of credit remaining in his hands by virtue of the said last-recited act as shall be necessary to discharge the said certificates, drafts and orders.

Passed September 19, 1772. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, January 15, 1773, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXX, and the Act of Assembly passed September 28, 1773, Chapter 688.