

## CHAPTER DCLXXXVIII.

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 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,"<sup>1</sup> 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 been before the passing of the same act 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 where as 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 and payment of the public debts,"<sup>2</sup> a part of the said surplus was disposed of and applied to the payment of the public debts:

And whereas after payment of the debts so as afore[said] directed to be paid by the said [by the said] recited acts there yet remains the sum of thirteen thousand and ninety-five pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence unappropriated by the legislature, 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:

[Section I.] And be it enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of

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<sup>1</sup> Passed March 21, 1772, Chapter 656.

<sup>2</sup> Passed September 19, 1772, Chapter 670.

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 so much of the said bills of credit remaining in his hands unappropriated by virtue of the said recited act as shall be necessary to discharge the said certificates, drafts and orders.

Passed September 28, 1773. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, February 20, 1775, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXXI, and the Act of Assembly passed September 29, 1774, Chapter 699.