

CHAPTER DCCXXIII.

AN ACT TO MAKE PERPETUAL AN ACT PASSED IN THE ELEVENTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS PRESENT MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE THIRD, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR."¹

Whereas an act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, entitled "An act for the relief of the poor,"¹ will soon expire by its own limitation:

And whereas the continuance of the said act will tend to the benefit of the inhabitants of this province:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the consent and advice of the representatives of the freemen of the said province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the said act and every clause, matter and thing therein contained, the clause of limitation in the said act only expected, shall be and is hereby continued in full force and made perpetual, anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed April 6, 1776. Probably not submitted to the Crown for action. See Appendix XXXIII.

CHAPTER DCCXXIV.

AN ACT TO SUSPEND THE CARRYING INTO EXECUTION THE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL FOR OPENING A CERTAIN ROAD IN THIS PROVINCE.

Whereas in pursuance of an order of the governor and council of this province a certain provincial road or highway has been laid out and confirmed by the authority aforesaid leading

¹ Passed March 9, 1771, Chapter 635.

from the middle or corporation ferry on Schuylkill to the village of Strasburg in the county of Lancaster:

And whereas the assembly at their sitting in March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, were about to provide for the straightening and amending the public roads to the westward but have not been able as yet to carry the same into execution:

And whereas it may be very inconvenient and injurious to open the aforesaid road or highway before the examining and ascertaining the most proper places for laying out one principal road to the westward through the counties of Philadelphia, Chester and Lancaster:

For preventing of which inconveniences:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the consent and advice of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That such parts of the said road from the middle ferry aforesaid to the sign of the ship on Conestogo road as were not opened under the said order of the governor and council before the first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six shall not be opened for the space of two years from and after the publication of this act, and that during the time aforesaid no new process shall issue from any justice of the peace or any presentment or indictment be made or found by any grand jury against any supervisor or other person for any breach or neglect of his duty in not opening any part of the said road before the said first day of March. And also that all process in law whatsoever against any person or persons had and moved for or on account of said road so far as it extends through the counties of Philadelphia and Chester from the middle ferry to the sign of the ship on the Conestogo road, shall be suspended for and during the term aforesaid, anything in the order of the governor and council or the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the opening and better amending and keeping in repair the public roads and highways within this province,"¹ to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¹ Passed March 21, 1772, Chapter 653.

[Section II.] Provided always, That anything herein contained shall not be construed to extend to the preventing the mending and using such parts of the said road as have been opened and used on or before the [said] first day of March .

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CHAPTER DCCXXV.

AN ACT FOR VESTING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, IN TRUSTEES, TO BE SOLD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas Stoffel Vansand, late of the township of Middletown, in the county of Bucks, by his last will and testament dated the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, devised to his daughter, Sina, the one-half of his land, containing fifty acres, including the buildings, orchards, swamps, meadows and half of the woodland, during her natural life; but if she should die without issue that the aforesaid tract of land and premises should be sold, and the money arising upon such sale to be equally divided between his daughter Elizabeth's children and his daughters Rachel and Olshe, and the said Stoffel Vansand, after the execution of his said will, died seized of the tract of land before mentioned:

And whereas it has been represented to the general assembly of this province and made appear to them that the said Sina is dead without issue, and that by reason of the death of John Vansand and Lewis Rue, the executors appointed by the said will, and the death of Olshe, one of the daughters of the said testator, leaving two children who are minors, the said tract of land and premises cannot be legally sold according to the intention of the testator:

And whereas several of the children of the said Elizabeth, who is also deceased, have requested that a suitable remedy may be provided by the legislature in this behalf: