

shillings, to be paid out of the state treasury, or if he conveys such deserter to the county gaol he shall be entitled to the same reward as constables by this act are entitled to receive.

Passed February 20, 1777. See the Acts of Assembly passed March 12, 1778, Chapter 786; March 8, 1780, Chapter 888; June 1, 1780, Chapter 912; March 17, 1783, Chapter 1014; April 5, 1785, Chapter 1161.

CHAPTER DCCXLV.

AN ACT TO MAKE EFFECTUAL BONDS HERETOFORE GIVEN TO THE GOVERNORS OF PENNSYLVANIA BY THE SEVERAL OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE FAITHFUL DISCHARGE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES.

[Section I, P. L.] Whereas under the late government of the [province of] Pennsylvania divers officers were by the laws of the said province directed and required to give bond to the governor for the time being with sufficient sureties for the just and faithful performance and discharge of the duties and trust of their respective offices, which said bonds were intended for the use and indemnity of such of the inhabitants as might be injured by such officers refusing or neglecting to do and perform the respective duties of their offices in the manner they ought to do:

In order, therefore, that all such bonds may have the effect and use for which they were given:

[Section I] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That all and singular the bonds or obligations that have been executed and given by the officers of government in the said province to any governor thereof conditioned for the faithful discharge of their respective offices, and such bonds or writings obligatory are hereby declared to be valid, good and effectual in law for the uses and purposes for which they were executed and given, and actions or suits may be commenced, sued and prosecuted on any or every of such bonds or writings obligatory as fully and effectually as might,

could or ought to have been in cases of the like nature under the late government aforementioned; and the action or actions that may be so brought or commenced shall be in the name of the president of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

[Section II] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in all cases where by the laws aforesaid the governor is mentioned in the said laws as the person empowered to put the same in execution, it is hereby declared that the president of this state for the time being shall be deemed and taken to be in the place and stead of the governor and within the meaning and intention of the law, and in all such cases as aforesaid the president is hereby declared to have and ought to have and exercise equal powers and authority to order and direct the execution and performance thereof as any governor had, or ought to have had, and his orders and directions shall be and are hereby declared to [have] equal force, power, authority and effect which those heretofore issued and given by the governors of Pennsylvania have heretofore had or ought to have had and exercised respectively.

Passed March 11, 1777.

CHAPTER DCCXLVI.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA TO DO AND PERFORM CERTAIN MATTERS AND THINGS FORMERLY DIRECTED TO BE DONE AND PERFORMED BY THE MAYOR, RECORDER AND ALDERMEN OF THE SAID CITY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by an act of general assembly of the province of Pennsylvania passed on the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twelve, entitled "An act for raising money on the inhabitants of the city of Philadelphia for the public use and benefit thereof,"¹ and by one other act, entitled "An act for regulating party walls, buildings and partition fences in the city of Philadelphia,"²

¹ Passed June 7, 1712, Chapter 185.

² Passed February 24, 1721, Chapter 242.