

CHAPTER DCCLXXI.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR EMITTING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS IN BILLS OF CREDIT ON LOAN AND PROVIDING A FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF PUBLIC DEBTS."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, by an act of the general assembly of Pennsylvania made and passed the twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds was ordered to be struck in bills of credit under the care and direction of the trustees of the loan office therein appointed, the said bills to be emitted on loan by the said trustees in the manner also directed by the said act of assembly:

And whereas by the said act it was provided that if the said trustees or any of them should neglect or refuse to act as trustees or should happen to die or be removed some other fit person or persons should be appointed by the legislature in the place or places of such trustee or trustees:

And whereas all the said trustees have either neglected or refused to act further in the premises, and the business to them assigned in and by the said act of assembly not being yet completed, divers large sums of money being either due and outstanding or remaining in the hands of the said trustees not lent, or which may have been collected and not yet disposed of:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 Thomas Barclay, John Thorne and John Agnew, Esquires, shall be and they are hereby appointed trustees of the said general loan office of the state of Pennsylvania in the room and stead of Samuel Preston Moore, Amos Strettel, Abraham Chapman, Humphrey Marshal and Moses Brinton, Esquires, the trustees in and by the said act

¹Passed February 26, 1773, Chapter 673.

of assembly appointed, and in the place and stead of every of them. And that each and every of the said trustees herein appointed and their successors and every of them before he shall enter upon the execution of his trust or any part thereof shall give and duly execute a bond to the president of this commonwealth for the time being and his successors with three sufficient sureties such as he shall approve of, in the sum of ten thousand pounds, conditioned for the faithful execution of the trust and performance of all and every the acts, matters and things enjoined and required of him in and by this and the said act to which this is a supplement; and shall also take an oath or affirmation before some justice of the peace in the words following, viz.:

"I,, will, to the best of my skill and knowledge, faithfully, impartially and truly perform and discharge the trust required of me by an act of the general assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "A supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for emitting the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds in bills of credit on loan and providing a fund for payment of public debts.'"¹

Which oath or affirmation so to be taken by the said trustees shall be endorsed on their respective bonds; and the said bonds with the endorsements aforesaid shall be delivered to the recorder of deeds for the county of Lancaster; and these bonds or any of them in case the same shall be forfeited shall be sued and prosecuted and the penalties thereof recovered in the name of the said president or his successors for the use of this commonwealth.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the person or persons to whom any of the moneys emitted by virtue of the said act of assembly have been lent and who shall be desirous to pay [off] the same shall and may apply to the trustees hereinbefore appointed or either of them at any time during the month of February which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight and upon the first Monday and five following days in the months of April, June, August, October, December and

¹ Passed December 14, 1774, Chapter 700.

February in every year during the continuance of the act before recited to which this is a supplement and the trustees aforesaid respectively are hereby required to attend at such place as they shall appoint and of which they shall give public notice in order to receive the said moneys and shall give receipts and discharges agreeable to the tenor and directions of the said recited act of assembly.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the trustees in and by this act appointed shall have power and authority to prosecute and proceed for default of payment against all and every the persons to whom the said moneys or any part thereof have been lent in like manner and to the same effect as in [and] by the said before recited act is enjoined and directed to the trustees in and by the said act appointed, and all other the powers and authorities which to the former trustees or any of them in and by the said recited act of assembly was committed or entrusted.

(Section V, P. L.) And whereas the scarcity of money, for the remedy whereof the said before recited act of assembly was made, has now in a great measure ceased:

[Section IV.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees shall hold and keep safely all the moneys by them received without lending or otherwise disposing of the same or any part thereof until the future order of this or any future general assembly of this state shall be made therein.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees herein appointed shall receive as a compensation for their services and duties herein enjoined the sum of five hundred pounds for one year, to be computed from the day of enacting this law.

[Section VI.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case of the death, refusal or removal of either or any or all of the said trustees it shall and may be lawful for the general assembly for the time [being] by their resolve to be entered on their minutes to nominate and appoint others in their stead and room.

[Section VII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That everything in the said before

recited act contained which is not consistent with this present act from henceforth shall be and hereby is repealed and made void.

Passed December 23, 1777. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 15, 1725-26, Chapter 289.

CHAPTER DCCLXXII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO SEVERAL ACTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY DIRECTING THE MODE OF APPOINTING AND FINING THE SEVERAL OFFICERS HEREBIN MENTIONED.¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas great difficulties are found to arise in the administration of justice and other public business through the omission and neglect of constables, jurymen, overseers of the poor and supervisors of the highways to perform the duties enjoined upon them by law; the fines for such omissions and neglects being found inadequate:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 every person or persons who have been or shall be legally appointed to the same office of constable in any city, borough, township, ward or district within this commonwealth, and who, being so appointed and thereof duly notified according to law, shall neglect or refuse to take upon himself the execution of the said office of constable, or shall neglect or refuse to execute and perform all or any of the duties and services to the said office belonging or which by law may be enjoined upon them to execute and perform and shall thereof be legally convicted, shall for each and every such offense be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty pounds at the discretion of the court, to be paid into the public treasury for the use of this commonwealth.

¹ See act of May 22, 1722, Chapter 255.