

state, and shall commit the officer so offending to the common gaol of the county, there to remain until he pays the aforesaid fine, which fine the justice is required to pay into the hands of the treasurer for the state taxes.

Passed January 2, 1778. See the Act of Assembly passed March 8, 1780, Chapter 888.

CHAPTER DCCLXXVIII.

AN ACT FOR SUSPENDING THE POWERS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE AND ACADEMY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR A LIMITED TIME.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas some of the trustees of the college and academy of Philadelphia are now with the British army under General Howe and in open hostility against the United States of America, and some others of them have voluntarily put themselves in the power and under the dominion of the said General Howe and the enemies of the said states by remaining in the city of Philadelphia at the time they entered the same and still continue there, whilst some others of the said trustees, together with the vice-provost and professors and other officers of the said college and academy, preferring the government and protection of this commonwealth, and in order that they might contribute as far as in their power to the defense of their just rights and liberties and the maintenance of the freedom and independence of these states, removed themselves out of the said city and still so continue:

And whereas it would be impolitic and unjust to suffer any act of the said trustees in such a situation to have any force or effect:

[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 no resolve, vote, ordinance or

act of the trustees of the College and Academy of Philadelphia or of any quorum of them passed, made or done since the first day of September [last], or which shall be passed, made or done during the continuance of this act, shall be valid, effectual, or have any legal operation, but the same and every of them shall be deemed and they are hereby declared to be of no force or validity whatsoever.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the vice-provost and rector of the said college and academy, the professors and all tutors and officers of the same, excepting such of them as remain and be in the city of Philadelphia and have voluntarily put themselves under subjection to the enemy shall be deemed to continue and hold their several and respective stations and employments and be paid by the trustees of the said college and academy the usual salaries and allowances in manner and at such times as heretofore and the said treasurer at the settlement of his accounts shall be credited for the same upon producing receipts or other sufficient vouchers or evidence thereof.

(Section IV, P. L.) Provided always, That the station or employment of every person in the said college and academy who shall take any commission in the service of the army or navy of the United States of America or accept of any lucrative office or place of trust under any of the said states excepting in the militia during his continuance in such service, office or employment, shall be deemed vacant, and he shall for such time be entitled to no salary or pay by virtue of this act.

[Section III.] (Section V, P. L.) Provided also, That this act shall continue in force as long as the British army shall keep possession of the city of Philadelphia and for three months after such city shall be re-conquered or evacuated and in peaceable subjection to the government of this commonwealth and no longer.

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