

CHAPTER DCCXC.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR AMENDING THE SEVERAL ACTS FOR ELECTING MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY." ¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas no provision has been made in the acts for electing members of assembly, to require and enjoin the judges of the elections to give early notice to the members who shall be elected of their being so chosen, whereby the meeting of the general assembly has been and hereafter may be delayed, to the great obstruction of public business:

And whereas it is necessary that the persons who shall be chosen members of the executive council be thereof notified:

Therefore:

[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 the judges of the elections who shall meet at their respective court-house, or other places appointed by law, to compare the several lists and certificates, and to cast up the number of votes for each candidate, shall give notice of their being so chosen to each of the members of assembly and executive council who shall be elected, and reside in their respective districts, within four days next after the said meeting of the said judges.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if it shall so happen that the inhabitants of any district shall neglect to hold their election, or if any of the said judges of elections who shall be appointed to meet at their several court-houses or other places appointed by law to compare the several lists and certificates, and to cast up the number of votes for each candidate as the act to which this act is a supplement direct[s], shall neglect to appear at the said

¹ Passed March 1, 1745-6, Chapter 364.

meeting of the said judges; then, and in every such case, the judge of the nearest district to such district where such neglect shall happen, and who shall appear at the said meeting of the said judges, shall give notice as aforesaid to each of the persons who shall be chosen members of general assembly or executive council and reside in those districts where any such neglects shall happen.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each of the said judges of elections shall for their services in performing the several duties herein enjoined them, receive six pence per mile traveling charges. Provided always, That the said judges shall lay their accounts before two of the commissioners of their respective counties, who shall draw orders, requiring their respective treasurers to pay such judges such sums as they shall think the said judges shall be justly entitled to receive by the directions of this act, for their performing the duties herein enjoined them.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any of the said judges shall neglect or refuse to do and perform the duties herein enjoined them, every such judge so neglecting, shall, for every such offense forfeit and pay to the public treasury of this state, any sum not exceeding twenty pounds for the use of the commonwealth, to be recovered by the commissioners of the county where such offense shall happen, by action of debt.

(Section VI, P. L.) And whereas it hath been found very inconvenient to freemen of the townships of Armagh and Derry in the county of Cumberland to attend the annual election of members of assembly and of the executive council and other elective officers in the fourth district of the said county, as by the above recited act is directed:

[Section V.] (Section VII, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That henceforth the said townships of Armagh and Derry shall be a fifth district of the said county of Cumberland, for the purpose of such annual election and that the freemen of the said townships shall hereafter meet on the day by the constitution of this commonwealth appointed for such election at the house of Arthur Buchanan in the said township of

Derry, and there and then elect members of general assembly and other elective officers for the said county according to the [said] constitution and to the laws in such case made and provided, and make return of such election as the other districts of the said county are directed in the supplement herein above recited, anything in the act to which this act is a supplement to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Passed March 23, 1778. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 7, 1745-46, Chapter 364.

CHAPTER DCCXCI.

AN ACT FOR THE CALLING IN OF THE BILLS OF CREDIT, ISSUED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, UNDER THE SANCTION AND AUTHORITY OF THE CROWN OF GREAT BRITAIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas sundry persons, preferring their private interest to the public weal, have hoarded up the paper bills of credit of this state, which have been emitted under the sanction and authority of the crown of Great Britain, from an expectation that they will be redeemed let the event of the present glorious struggle for the liberties of this country prove successful or the contrary, and have thereby made an injurious distinction between such bills and the paper bills of credit emitted by Congress, naturally tending to depreciate the latter:

For remedy whereof:

[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 from and after the publication of this act, the bills of credit issued in Pennsylvania, under the authority of the crown of Great Britain on or before the nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, shall cease to be legal tender in any payment, whatsoever, except as is hereinafter directed; and