

teenth day of June last, and the supplement thereto, enacted the twelfth day of October last¹ and every clause, matter and thing therein contained, except such parts thereof as are by this act altered, amended or supplied, shall be and remain in full force and effect; anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed April 1, 1778. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed June 13, 1777, Chapter 756; and the Acts of Assembly passed September 2, 1778, Chapter 807; September 10, 1778, Chapter 813; December 5, 1778, Chapter 822; March 31, 1779, Chapter 836; October 1, 1779, Chapter 852; September 13, 1785, Chapter 1175; March 4, 1786, Chapter 1206; March 29, 1787, Chapter 1294; (repealed by the Act of Assembly passed) March 13, 1789, Chapter 1396.

CHAPTER DCCXCVII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PREVENT FORESTALLING AND REGRATING AND TO ENCOURAGE FAIR DEALING."²

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas there are no persons appointed in the act to which this is a supplement whose duty it is more particularly to make inquiry after offenders against the same and the commissioners named therein have not in some instances sufficient power and authority to carry the same into execution:

For remedy whereof:

[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 commissioners of clothing appointed by an act entitled "An act for the better supply of the armies of the United States of America,"³ and each of them for the respective county in which they reside be appointed and they are hereby authorized, enjoined and required to make diligent search and inquiry after offenders against the same; and

¹ Passed October 12, 1777, Chapter 765.

² Passed January 2, 1778, Chapter 779.

³ Passed January 2, 1778, Chapter 782.

by all lawful ways and means to search for, and seize all such goods enumerated by the said act to which this is a supplement, and by the said act liable and ordered to be seized; and having discovered and seized the same to make a true return thereof to the commissioners mentioned in the said act or to some one or more of them, who are hereby authorized and required to receive and take care of the same until they shall be disposed of as the said law directs. Provided, That no doors or locks shall be broken in order for such search or seizure unless an oath or affirmation be first made and a warrant granted in consequence thereof by some justice of the county.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners aforesaid, before they enter farther upon the duty required of them by this act and the act to which this is a supplement shall respectively take and subscribe before some justice of the county, the following oath or affirmation, viz.:

I do swear or affirm (as the case may be), that I will well and truly execute the trust reposed in me, and perform the duty required of me by this act and by the act to which this act is a supplement according to the best of my skill and ability.

And having taken and subscribed the oath aforesaid they and each of them shall be and they are hereby empowered to administer an oath or affirmation to such person or persons as shall apply to them for permits or license aforesaid, or in any other matter or thing which may relate to the truth of returns of the said enumerated articles required to be returned to the said commissioners or that may relate to the truth of the reputation and qualification of the person so applying for such permit or license, and also administer the oath or affirmation following to each of the persons hereinbefore named to search for and seize such goods aforesaid, viz.:

“I,, do swear or affirm that I will well and truly execute the trust reposed in me, and perform the duties required of me by this act according to the best of my skill and ability.”

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every of such commission-

ers are enjoined and required to have a due regard to an act, entitled, "An act to prohibit the sale of goods, wares and merchandise by public vendue and to regulate peddlers and hawkers in this state,"¹ that they grant no such permit to any person or persons as are in the said act debarred from the privilege of going about as a peddler or hawker in this commonwealth.

Passed April 1, 1778. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed January 2, 1778, Chapter 779. The Act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 22, 1780, Chapter 904.

CHAPTER DCCXCVIII.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE JUSTICES OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS TO HOLD COURTS AT OTHER PLACES THAN USUAL AND FOR THE REMOVAL AND SAFE CUSTODY OF THE RECORDS AND OTHER PUBLIC PAPERS OF THE SAID COUNTY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the invasion of this commonwealth by the enemy hath rendered the holding of the court of common pleas and the general quarter sessions of the peace and gaol delivery in and for the county of Bucks at the place where the same have usually been held and the continuance of the records and other public papers, and the attendance of the clerks of the several public offices at the office erected at Newtown for these purposes extremely dangerous and inexpedient:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 justices and judges of the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace and gaol delivery in and for the county of Bucks, shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to hold the said courts respectively at the times appointed by law and in such places as to the said justices and judges respectively or any three of them

¹ Passed June 19, 1777, Chapter 761.