

first day of June next, in order to know what our neighboring states had done or would do in the aforesaid regulation:

And whereas it appears that similar laws are enacted by few of the other states and that some of those are about to repeal or suspend theirs for a certain time, and it would be greatly injurious to the good people of this state to reduce the prices of the several articles mentioned in the said act, when at the same time our neighbors are selling them at a much higher rate:

And whereas it appears that by the blessing of God the time is not far distant when the manufacturers of Europe will flow in upon us and then trade will regulate itself with a more equal hand than it is possible for any human law to do. The good effects of which begin already to appear by the daily falling of the price of goods:

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, That the act, entitled "An act for regulating the prices of the several articles herein mentioned for a limited time,"<sup>1</sup> and every clause, matter and thing therein contained shall be and are hereby suspended from the first day of June next until the eighth day of September next, and from thence to the end of the next sitting of the general assembly; anything contained in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed May 25, 1778. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed April 1, 1778, Chapter 795.

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## CHAPTER DCCC.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED 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 HEREIN MENTIONED. <sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by an act of general assembly enacted the twenty-third day of March last, entitled "An act for

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<sup>1</sup> Passed March 23, 1778, Chapter 791.

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,"<sup>1</sup> it appears that the said act only refers to, and includes all the bills of credit issued under the authority of the crown of Great Britain aforesaid on or before the nineteenth day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five. But an emission of bills of credit issued under the authority aforesaid amounting to twenty-two thousand pounds made current by an act of assembly enacted the thirtieth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, which bills of credit bear date the twenty-fifth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five had at that time escaped the notice of the general assembly: And it being their intention to call in all the bills of credit issued under the authority of the King of Great Britain:

Therefore to remedy the aforesaid defect:

[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 the bills of credit issued by virtue of the aforesaid act, enacted the thirtieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An act for the support of the government of this province and payment of public debts,"<sup>1</sup> shall be and are hereby declared to be within the intent and meaning of the act of general assembly, entitled "An act for 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,"<sup>1</sup> enacted the twenty-third day of March last as fully and as amply to all intents and purposes as if the bills of credit aforesaid had been particularly mentioned in the said act and shall be subject to be exchanged by the same persons and destroyed in the same manner that other bills of credit issued under the authority of Great Britain aforesaid are by the said act directed to be exchanged and destroyed: Provided that such exchange be made on or before the first day of July next, at

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<sup>1</sup> Passed September 30, 1775, Chapter 715.

which time the said bills of credit shall cease to be legal tender in payment of any debt, and shall be from thenceforth irredeemable, anything contained in the act by which they were made current to the contrary notwithstanding; and the act by which the said bills of credit were emitted shall be and is hereby repealed except such parts of the said act as relate to the conviction and punishing any person or persons counterfeiting or altering the said bills of credit or uttering the said bills knowing them to be counterfeited or altered; and excepting also so much of the said act as relates to sinking the said bills.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the publication of this act all the bills of credit emitted and made current by resolves of the continental Congress shall pass current in this state in the payment of all debts in as full and as effectual a manner as bills of credit emitted and made current by virtue of an act of general assembly, entitled "An act for emitting the sum of two hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit for the defence of this state and providing a fund for sinking the same by a tax on all estates real and personal and on all taxables within the same,"<sup>1</sup> and any person or persons refusing the said bills of credit shall be and they are hereby declared to be subject to all the fines, forfeitures and penalties that such persons were or are subjected to for refusing the bills of credit emitted by the act of general assembly last mentioned.

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas there is no provision made by law for the conviction and punishment of any person or persons for counterfeiting, forging, altering or uttering any of the counterfeited, forged or altered continental bills of credit emitted since the enacting of a law entitled "An act for making the continental bills of credit and the bills of credit emitted by resolves of the late assemblies legal tender and for other purposes therein mentioned."<sup>2</sup> Knowing them to be such, or for punishing the counterfeiting the continental loan office certificates that have been granted since the enacting a law, entitled "An act for

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<sup>1</sup> Passed March 20, 1777, Chapter 752.

<sup>2</sup> Passed January 29, 1777, Chapter 738.

punishing the counterfeiting the continental loan office certificates and lottery tickets."<sup>1</sup>

(Section V, P. L.) For remedy whereof:

[Section III.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons who have counterfeited or shall hereafter counterfeit, forge, alter or utter any of the aforesaid counterfeited, forged or altered continental bills of credit or loan office certificates emitted, granted or issued since the enacting of the said laws, knowing them to be such, and shall be thereof legally convicted, he or they shall suffer all the pains and penalties, fines and forfeitures which should or ought to be inflicted on any person or persons counterfeiting, forging or altering the bills of credit of this state by virtue of an act entitled "An act for emitting the sum of two hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit, for the defense of this state, and providing a fund for sinking the same."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Passed March 20, 1777, Chapter 753.

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