

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas the necessity of the said act and supplement is in a great measure removed:

(Section IV, P. L.) Therefore:

[Section I.] 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 said act, entitled "An act for regulating the prices of the several articles herein mentioned," and so much of an act, entitled "An act for the better supply of the armies of the United States of America," and the supplement entitled 'A supplement to the act entitled 'An act for the better supply of the armies of the United States,''" as relates to the prices of the articles therein mentioned, and for the taking and seizing of any of the things described in the said acts and supplement, are hereby declared to be repealed and made null and void to intents and purposes.

Passed September 9, 1778.

CHAPTER DCCCXIII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE FURTHER SECURITY OF THE GOVERNMENT."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas divers citizens of this commonwealth in the service of the United States of America or of this state, as officers, soldiers or sailors have been made prisoners of war by the enemy and detained in captivity or enlarged upon parole on or before the first day of June last, and some of them still so remain, whereby they have been deprived of an opportunity to take and subscribe the oath or affirmation, mentioned and appointed to be taken in the act of assembly, entitled "An act obliging the male white inhabitants of this state to give assurances of allegiance to the same and for other purposes therein mentioned,"² on or before the first day of June last,

¹ Passed April 1, 1778, Chapter 796.

² Passed June 13, 1777, Chapter 756.

agreeable to the directions of the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the further security of the government," whereby they have incurred and are liable to all the disabilities, incapacities and penalties enumerated and described in the said acts, and in the supplement to the former act of the twelfth day of October last, all which disabilities and incapacities by the said act, to which this is a supplement are to continue for and during their respective lives:

For the relief of such citizens:

[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 every such person who hath before the publication of this act taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation aforesaid, or who shall take and subscribe the same within three months [after the publication of this act, or] after he shall be exchanged or discharged from parole, or after he shall return into this state shall receive a certificate [thereof] from the justice of the peace before whom he hath taken and subscribed the same, in which certificate shall also be inserted the time of the said person's being made a prisoner of his exchange, liberation or discharge from parole and of his returning into this state agreeable to the evidence such justice shall receive: And the said certificate shall be registered and recorded in like manner with other certificates and shall indemnify the person obtaining the same of and from all disabilities, incapacities and penalties which he might have incurred or been liable to by having neglected to take such oath or affirmation on or before the first day of June last; anything in this or any other act of assembly to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas by a clause in the act, entitled "An act obliging the male white inhabitants of this state to give assurances of allegiance to the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned," it is provided and declared among other things that delegates in Congress are not within the intent and meaning of that act; which exemption, so far as relates to the delegates in Congress nominated and appointed by the general assembly of this state appears to be improper:

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the publication of this act no person or persons may or shall be elected as a delegate in Congress for this commonwealth, who hath not previously taken the oath or affirmation aforesaid; and that every of the present delegates in Congress for this commonwealth, who, not having already taken and subscribed the said oath or affirmation shall neglect to take and subscribe the same on or before the tenth day of October next, shall be and they are hereby declared to be liable to all and singular the disabilities, incapacities and penalties which any other persons are made liable to by law for such neglect on or before the first day of June last.

[Section III.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the publication of this act no person or persons shall be permitted to vote at the general or any other election, within any of the counties of this state for any officer or person whatsoever, without producing a certificate, showing, that he hath taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation aforesaid on or before the first day of June last, or a certificate obtained by virtue of this act, if thereunto required by any one of the judges, inspectors or persons authorized to hold such election, or by any two legal electors then and there present; and if any such vote shall be received the judges, inspectors or other person or persons qualified to hold such election shall for every such offense forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds; one moiety thereof to the use of the state, and the other moiety to the person who shall sue for the same [to be recovered with costs of suit] in any court of common pleas within this state by action of debt, wherein no essoin, protection or wager of law, nor more than one imparlance shall be allowed.

Passed September 10, 1778. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed June 13, 1777, Chapter 756; April 1, 1778, Chapter 796. The act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 13, 1789, Chapter 1396.