

money; every person so offending shall be adjudged an engrosser, and punished as by this act is directed.

Passed October 8, 1779. 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 The act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 22, 1780, Chapter 779.

CHAPTER DCCCLX.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE SHERIFF OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, FOR THE TIME BEING, TO CONFIN PRISONERS IN THE OLD GAOL IN THE SAID CITY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in and by an act of assembly of this commonwealth passed the twenty-seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, entitled "An act to indemnify William Dewees, Esquire, the late sheriff and James Claypoole, Esquire, the present sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia for removing the prisoners from the new gaol and imprisoning them and others in the old gaol of the city of Philadelphia,"¹ it is enacted that the sheriffs of the city and county aforesaid may keep and hold [prisoners] in the gaol of the said city and county, from the time of passing the said act for and during the term of one year:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas it is necessary to enable the said sheriffs to confine prisoners in the said gaol for a longer time and to indemnify James Claypoole, Esquire, the present sheriff of the said city and county for imprisoning sundry persons in the said gaol after the expiration of one year, from and after the passing of the said act:

[Section I.] (Section III, 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 the sheriff of the city and county aforesaid for the time being may keep, hold and imprison in the said old gaol all traitors, felons,

¹ Passed August 27, 1778, Chapter 802.

criminals and debtors who are or shall be liable by the laws of this commonwealth to be holden, kept and imprisoned in the gaol of the said city and county, for and during the times in their respective commitments warranted by the said laws mentioned and expressed, anything in the before recited law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said James Claypoole, Esquire, the present sheriff of the said city and county and his deputies, shall be and they are hereby indemnified and saved harmless against all and all manner of suits and actions which may be brought against him, them or any of them for or by reason of the keeping and imprisoning of any person or persons that now are imprisoned or have been imprisoned in the said gaol since the twenty-seventh day of August last, who ought to have been imprisoned in the gaol of the said city and county and that if any such suit or action shall be brought against him or them the same is hereby declared to be barred.

[Section III.] (Section V, P. L.) Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to disannul or make void the said recited act or any clause, article, matter or thing therein contained, except what is hereby altered or supplied, but that the same articles, clauses, matters and things not hereby altered or supplied, shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

Passed October 8, 1779. See the note to the act of Assembly passed August 27, 1778, Chapter 802; and the Acts of Assembly passed September 10, 1784, Chapter 1108; April 8, 1785, Chapter 1165; September 13, 1785, Chapter 1177.

CHAPTER DCCCLXI.

AN ACT FOR DISSOLVING THE MARRIAGE OF JAMES MARTIN WITH ELIZABETH HIS WIFE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas James Martin of the city of Philadelphia by his petition hath shown that during his absence from the said city at the time when the British army were in posses-

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