

happen by fire,"¹ and of the act of general assembly passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-one, entitled "An act for the more effectual preventing accidents which may happen by fire, and for suppressing idleness, drunkenness and other debaucheries,"² as relates to the firing of chimneys within the said city, and one other act of general assembly passed the twenty-first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act for regulating chimney sweepers within the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark and the township of the Northern Liberties,"³ shall be and are hereby declared to be repealed.

[Section XI.] (Section XIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue and be in force for and during the term of seven years next ensuing, and from thence to the end of the next sitting of the general assembly and no longer.

Passed November 25, 1779. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 311, etc.
See the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 21, 1772, Chapter 648, and the Acts of Assembly passed March 8, 1780, Chapter 838; September 29, 1787, Chapter 1318.

CHAPTER DCCCLXVIII.

AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF TWO MILLIONS FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS MONTHLY DURING EIGHT MONTHS IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FOR THE SUPPLY OF THE TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE TREASURY OF THIS STATE.

(Section 1, P. L.) Whereas the honorable Congress, by an act of their body dated the fourth day of October last, did call upon the several states to raise, in such manner as each state may judge expedient, [sufficient sums] to enable the said states to pay into the continental treasury, or to the order of Congress, on or before the first day of February next, and on or before the

¹ Passed August 26, 1721, Chapter 245.

² Passed February 9, 1751, Chapter 388.

³ Passed March 21, 1772, Chapter 648.

first day of each succeeding month until the first day of September next, inclusive, their respective proportions of fifteen millions of dollars:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas the proportion of this state for the present is set at two millions three hundred thousand dollars, and it is highly proper that the good people of this commonwealth should exert themselves in furnishing this necessary supply:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas it is expedient that the tax which will be proper for raising the moneys aforesaid be grafted upon the returns made or to be made for the tax now levying in this state by virtue of an act, entitled "An act for raising the additional sum of five millions seven hundred thousand dollars in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine,"¹ whereby much expense and trouble and also much time will be saved, and yet the payment thereof be sufficiently equal:

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas it is necessary that the treasury of this state be also supplied:

[Section I.] 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 in the month of January next, and so in every succeeding month after, for and during eight months ending on the thirty-first day of August next, there shall be charged upon and collected of every person in this state who is or shall be rated, assessed and charged in any of the counties of this state with any part of the said sum of five millions seven hundred thousand dollars, or for the tax on ready money by virtue of the act aforesaid, or who was or ought to be liable to and chargeable therewith, a sum of money amounting to one-half part of the whole amount of the tax, which such person was or is or ought to be chargeable with and liable to pay as aforesaid.

[Section II.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners of the several and respective counties of this state, shall cause to be written and made out, fair duplicates of the names and surnames and sums of money chargeable by virtue of this act, monthly as

¹ Passed October 10, 1779, Chapter 866.

aforesaid, of and on all persons within their respective counties, and shall deliver a counterpart thereof with proper warrants and directions to the collector of the county, and the said collector shall proceed to collect the same in the manner and within the time hereinbefore specified and shall pay at the end of every month the same without delay to the treasurer of the proper county, and the treasurers of the several counties of this state shall immediately after they receive the moneys by virtue of this act, or any part thereof, transmit and pay the same to the treasurer of this state, to be by him paid over to the amount of eighteen millions four hundred thousand dollars to the treasurer of the United States, or to the order of Congress for the support of the federal army and navy, the state treasurer retaining in his hands the residue of the tax imposed by this act for the use of this state subject to the disposal of the house of assembly.

[Section III.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners of the several counties of this state shall have and exercise like authority to enforce the collection and payment of the said tax and that like fines and penalties shall be incurred by delinquent commissioners, collectors and county treasurers, to be imposed and levied on such delinquents in like manner and by like process as are directed in like cases in and by the act before mentioned, and that all necessary powers for the effectual and timely raising, collecting and bringing into the treasury of this state the said sum of two millions five hundred thousand dollars by monthly payments as aforesaid, and like reward for the services done in execution of this act shall be exercised and used as were authorized, given and directed to be exercised and used in the execution of the act of assembly herein before mentioned, or of an act of assembly, entitled "An act for raising the supplies for the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine,"¹ in similar cases and for like purposes.

[Section IV.] (Section VIII, P. L.) Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if by reason of any unavoidable delay the sums hereby directed to be levied,

¹Passed April 3, 1779, Chapter 840.

collected and paid shall not be levied, collected and paid in the several months herein before provided according to the intent of this act, that in such case the same shall be levied, collected and paid as soon after as may be and applied in the manner herein before mentioned and directed.

(Section IX, P. L.) Provided also, That if any person liable to pay the monthly assessment aforesaid shall be disposed to advance the sums he or she is liable to pay in any other month or months, than the monthly tax demanded of him or her, the collector, upon tender thereof shall be obliged to receive and give a discharge for the same.

Passed November 25, 1779. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed April 3, 1779, Chapter 340; and the Act of Assembly passed June 1, 1780, Chapter 912.

CHAPTER DCCCLXIX.

AN ACT MORE EFFECTUALLY TO PREVENT COUNTERFEITING THE CONTINENTAL LOAN OFFICE CERTIFICATES, THE CONTINENTAL LOAN OFFICE BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND THE PAPER MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OR ANY OF THEM.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the want of a sufficient quantity of gold and silver to answer the purposes of commerce, the exigencies of government, and to carry on the present just and necessary war against the King of Great Britain, induced the Congress of the United Colonies and now States of America, and also the assemblies, congresses and conventions of the several thirteen Colonies and now States of America, to emit and circulate certain paper bills of credit to pass in payments for limited periods, the counterfeiting of which, or the uttering the same so counterfeited as and for true, good and genuine bills, knowing the same to be so counterfeited, hath usually been made felonies in these United States respectively:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas by an act, 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