

CHAPTER DCCCLXXII.

AN ACT TO REPEAL PART OF AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR MAKING MORE EQUAL THE BURDEN OF THE PUBLIC DEFENSE AND FOR FILLING THE QUOTA OF TROOPS TO BE RAISED IN THIS STATE,"¹ AND TO CONTINUE FOR A LONGER TIME THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT TO APPREHEND SUSPECTED PERSONS, AND INCREASE THE FINES TO WHICH PERSONS ARE LIABLE FOR NEGLECTING TO PERFORM THEIR TOUR OF MILITIA DUTY."²

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in and by the act first above mentioned a double tax was annually imposed upon all the estates, real and personal, of every person not subject to nor performing military duty by the militia law of this state, which is found by experience to be burdensome and inconvenient:

[Section I.] (Section II, 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the same, That so much of the said act as imposes double taxes upon any person or persons whatsoever be and is hereby repealed and made void, anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas an act passed the last session of the late assembly, entitled "An act to empower the supreme executive council and justices of the supreme court to apprehend suspected persons and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of militia duty,"² will expire at the end of the present session of this Assembly, and it is necessary that the same should be continued for a longer time:

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said act, entitled "An act to empower the supreme executive council and justices

¹ Passed December 26, 1777, Chapter 773.

² Passed October 10, 1779, Chapter 865.

of the supreme court to apprehend suspected persons, and to increase the fines to which persons are liable for neglecting to perform their tour of militia duty,"¹ be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and virtue for and during the space of six months from the publication of this act unless the war between the United States of America and Great Britain shall sooner cease, and no longer.

Passed November 27, 1779. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed December 26, 1777, Chapter 773; October 10, 1779, Chapter 865.

CHAPTER DCCCLXXIII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR."²

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the rate of assessment directed by the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the relief of the poor,"² passed on the twenty-ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, not exceeding three pence in the pound on all estates real and personal, and six shillings per head on every freeman not otherwise rated for his estate within the several counties of this state is found to be very inadequate to the support of the poor of the said counties, districts and townships and the frequent repetition thereof would be very inconvenient to the overseers of the poor and very troublesome to the inhabitants:

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 it shall and may be lawful for any two of the justices of the peace of any county, district or township, upon complaint of the overseers of the poor, that a sum of money is wanted or likely to be wanted for the support

¹ Passed October 10, 1779, Chapter 865.

² Passed March 29, 1771, Chapter 635.