

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,"<sup>1</sup> 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.

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## CHAPTER DCCCLXXIII.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR."<sup>2</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the rate of assessment directed by the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the relief of the poor,"<sup>2</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> Passed October 10, 1779, Chapter 865.

<sup>2</sup> Passed March 29, 1771, Chapter 635.

of the poor, to issue their warrants under their hands and seals directed to the overseers of the poor of the said county, district or township, requiring them forthwith to levy, collect and raise by an equal assessment upon the clear yearly value as they shall reasonably estimate the same of all real and personal estates within the said county, districts or townships, respectively, a rate or tax not exceeding seven shillings and sixpence in the pound, upon all taxables and a sum not exceeding six pounds per head, nor less than three pounds on all freemen not otherwise rated for such tax for the relief of the poor, and the said rate shall be repeated, as often as the said justices and overseers shall find the same necessary.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said-recited act for the relief of the poor passed the twenty-ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, except so much as is hereinbefore altered and repealed, shall continue, be and remain and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect.

Passed November 27, 1779. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 9, 1771, Chapter 635. The Act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 25, 1782, Chapter 90.

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## CHAPTER DCCCLXXIV.

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### AN ACT FOR VESTING THE ESTATES OF THE LATE PROPRIETARIES OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the charter from Charles the Second, heretofore king of England, to William Penn, under which the late province, now state of Pennsylvania, was first begun to be settled, was granted and held for the great ends of enlarging the bounds of human society and the cultivation and promotion of religion and learning; and the rights of property and powers of government thereby vested in the said William Penn and his heirs were stipulated to be used and enjoyed