

purchased, and that any or either of them offending herein shall and may be indicted in any court of quarter sessions of the peace in the said city [or] any county of this state, and, being convicted thereof, shall be adjudged to forfeit and pay to the amount of the value of the said article or articles so by him or them purchased, one-half to the use of the informer and the other half to the use of this commonwealth, on the trial of which indictment the said informer shall be received and admitted as a witness.

Passed March 23, 1780. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed January 2, 1778, Chapter 782.

CHAPTER CMVI.

AN ACT FURTHER TO CONTINUE SUCH PARTS OF AN ACT 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," AS RELATES TO THE APPREHENDING OF SUSPECTED PERSONS."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the act, 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," passed the tenth day of October last, was, by another act passed on the twenty-seventh day of November last, continued for six months beyond the first limitation thereof, and the said extended term will shortly expire; and the powers and authorities by the said act given have been found useful, and it is proper the same be further extended:

[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 the said act, as far as

¹ Passed October 10, 1779, Chapter 865.

it relates to the apprehending of suspected persons shall be and the same hereby is continued for six months from and after the twenty-seventh day of April next, unless the war between the United States of America and Great Britain shall sooner cease.

Passed March 24, 1780. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed October 10, 1779, Chapter 865.

CHAPTER CMVII.

AN ACT FOR STRIKING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS IN BILLS OF CREDIT FOR THE PRESENT SUPPORT OF THE ARMY, AND FOR ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR THE CERTAIN REDEMPTION OF THE SAME AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas every motive and consideration which can interest the citizen and patriot do call upon the representatives of the freemen of this commonwealth to find efficacious and certain means of procuring and providing an immediate supply of provisions and other articles for the support of the army:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas, as well for this purpose as for supplying the good people of Pennsylvania with a medium of commerce and exchange of commodities of a stable and solid nature from the want of which they already suffer; and if the same be not remedied may soon be involved in great difficulties:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas, in the embarrassments of trade occasioned by the present war it is not to be expected that sufficient quantities of gold and silver money can be procured or retained in this state for the purposes of private dealing or public purchases, and this commonwealth is possessed of a very considerable real estate which may and part of which ought to be considered and pledged as a fund [of credit], for relieving the public necessities and supplying the treasury at this important crisis: