

[Section VI.] And it is hereby further enacted, That if such master shall neglect to perform the said requisites, such neglect shall be a forfeiture of the bond taken from him and his sureties before he was permitted to lade flour in pursuance of this act.

[Section VII.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the fines, penalties and forfeitures provided for offenses against this act and the act first herein recited for laying an embargo and reviving and continuing the same, shall be imposed and levied on all persons and ships and their lading, this act notwithstanding, unless it shall be made appear to the satisfaction of the court and jury that the conditions, regulations and limitations of this act have been fully complied with.

[Section VIII.] Lastly, it is declared that nothing in this act is intended to restrain or limit the power given by the constitution to the president and council to lay embargoes whenever they think proper.

Passed December 22, 1780. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed February 28, 1780, Chapter 876; and the Acts of Assembly passed February 27, 1781, Chapter 928; June 7, 1781, Chapter 943. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 407, &c.

CHAPTER CMXXIII.

AN ACT TO REVIVE AND AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION FOR A LIMITED TIME OF THE SEVERAL LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR MAKING THE BILLS OF CREDIT OF THE UNITED STATES A LEGAL TENDER IN THE PAYMENT OF DEBTS EQUAL TO GOLD AND SILVER." ¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the above-recited act, entitled "An act to suspend the operation for a limited time of the several laws of this commonwealth for making the bills of credit of the United States a legal tender in the payment of debts equal to gold and silver," ¹ passed the thirty-first day of May last past,

¹ Passed May 31, 1780, Chapter 911.

would have expired by its own limitation at the end of the [last session of] assembly, but the same was continued by an act passed the twenty-second day of September last, until the end of the present session of assembly, and it is just and necessary that the same should be continued until the value of the said currency can be fixed at some certain standard, and a proper mode established, which will make the advantages equal to both debtor and creditor:

[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, entitled "An act to suspend the operation for a limited time of the several laws of this commonwealth for making the bills of credit of the United States a legal tender in the payment of debts equal to gold and silver,"¹ passed the thirty-first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and every article, matter and thing therein contained (except the clause limiting the time of its continuance) is hereby revived and continued and declared to be in full force, except where the same is hereby altered or amended.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Provided always nevertheless, That where any person or persons are about to remove out of this state and refuse to give security to their creditor or creditors, or where any person or persons refuse to appear without process, and put in special bail to the plaintiff's action for the debt or cause for which he complains, or where any tenant or tenants have committed or shall commit any waste or destruction in the houses or lands or hold possession against the will of the landlord after the expiration of the lease, in all such cases it shall and may be lawful for such landlords or creditors to make distresses or bring suits as the case may require for their rents, debts or demands, and the enacting clause of the first-mentioned act suspending the operation of the several laws of this commonwealth for making the bills of credit of the United States a legal tender in the payment of debts equal to gold and silver, revived and continued by this

act, shall be extended to such landlords and creditors in as full and ample a manner as if no such distress had been made or suit brought, anything in the proviso to the first-mentioned act revived and amended by this act, or in this act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Passed December 22, 1780. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed May 31, 1780, Chapter 911; and the Act of Assembly passed June 21, 1781, Chapter 945. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 409, &c.

CHAPTER CMXXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "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 REDEMPTION OF THE SAME AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, it is necessary that the bills of credit emitted and made current by the act, entitled "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 redemption of the same and for other purposes therein mentioned,"¹ be made a legal tender in all cases whatsoever:

[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 bills of credit emitted by the act aforesaid be and are hereby declared to be legal tender to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and shall be taken and received in payment in all bargains, contracts, purchases, agreements, dealings, debts, dues and demands according to the sum specified in the said bills, to be taken and received at the rate or value of fifteen shillings for every two dollars and so in proportion for a larger or less sum and of equal value in the payment of such bargain, contract, purchase,

¹ Passed March 25, 1870, Chapter 907.