

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.

agreement, dealing, debt, due and demand whatsoever with two Spanish milled dollars, each weighing seventeen penny-weight and six grains, and sixty shillings of the emission aforesaid shall be taken and received at the rate of or equal in value to one gold half johannes of Portugal weighing nine penny-weight, and in like proportion for all other gold or silver coin, any contract, agreement or bargain between parties to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate from and after the publication of this act shall refuse to receive any of the said bills of credit, when tendered in payment of any debt, bargain, contract or demand whatsoever, provided the whole of the said debt or demand be so tendered, such person or persons, bodies politic and corporate so refusing shall be forever barred from suing for and recovering the same from any judge or in any court of this state.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person whatsoever shall, after the passing of this act, refuse to take and receive any of the bills of credit aforesaid, in payment for any live stock, necessary of life, commodity, manufacture, article or goods whatsoever which he or she shall sell, or expose to sale or offer the same for a less price or smaller sum of money to be paid in gold or silver than in the bills of credit emitted as aforesaid, or that shall give or receive a greater nominal sum of said bills of credit for less in gold or silver, every such person being thereof legally convicted in any court of general quarter sessions of the peace in this state, shall, for the first offense, forfeit and pay double the value of the article or articles so sold or exposed to sale, one moiety thereof to the person or persons giving information of the same and prosecuting the offender to conviction, and the other moiety for the use of the poor of the city, district or township where the offense shall be committed, and for the second offense shall suffer imprisonment during the present war and forfeit to the commonwealth one-half of his or her lands, tenements goods and chattels.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the party giving information as aforesaid shall be admitted a competent witness on the trial of offenders against this act, any law, custom or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the bills of credit aforesaid as have been received by the lieutenants and sub-lieutenants of the city of Philadelphia and the several counties of this state, the collectors of taxes or other public dues, county treasurers and all public agents for or on account of any tax, public due, militia fine or forfeiture whatever shall, in the settlement of the accounts of the said officers and agents respectively be estimated and paid at the same rate at which the said bills were received by them respectively.

[Section VI.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the rate of exchange between continental currency and the bills of credit hereby made legal tender shall be and hereby is declared to be seventy-five of the former for one of the latter, which rate of exchange shall continue to the first day of February next, and the supreme executive council are [hereby] empowered and required from and after the said first day of February to publish in the several English and German newspapers printed in the city of Philadelphia, in the first week in every month the then rate of exchange between specie and continental money which exchange so published in each month shall be the exchange between continental money and the state money hereby made a legal tender.

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