

Laws enacted in the Second Sitting of the Fifth General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which commenced at Philadelphia on Tuesday, the sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord 1781.

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CHAPTER CMXXVII.

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AN ACT TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF THE SEVERAL LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH MAKING THE BILLS OF CREDIT MADE CURRENT BY THE RESOLVES OF THE LATE ASSEMBLIES OF PENNSYLVANIA,<sup>1</sup> AND THE BILLS OF CREDIT ISSUED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THIS STATE THE TWENTIETH DAY OF MARCH, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN, LEGAL TENDER.<sup>2</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, the depreciation of the bills of credit issued by the resolves of the late assemblies of Pennsylvania and made legal tender by a law of this state, passed on the twenty-ninth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, and of the bills of credit of this state issued by an act passed on the twentieth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, now in circulation, and the speculation that has taken place in consequence thereof have opened a door to numerous frauds and may operate to the general injury of virtue and morality and to the great dishonor of the state unless timely prevented:

And whereas, many of the good citizens of this state have, in their petitions to this house, set forth the very mischievous and alarming consequences of continuing the same bills of credit a legal tender and praying that the laws making them a legal tender may be repealed or suspended:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the

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<sup>1</sup> Passed January 29, 1777, Chapter 738.

<sup>2</sup> Passed March 20, 1777, Chapter 752.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act so much of the several acts of assembly of this state as makes the said bills of credit a legal tender shall be and is hereby suspended, anything in the said laws to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Provided always nevertheless, That this act shall not extend, or be construed to extend to any sheriff, attorney, executor, administrator, guardian or other person having received money by legal authority in right of another, but that it shall and may be lawful to make payment in all such cases as might have been done before the passing of this act, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Section IV, P. L.) Provided also, That nothing in this act contained shall prevent, or be construed to prevent, the bills of credit aforesaid from being of the same value in the payment of taxes and all other debts and demands whatsoever, as the bills of credit of the United States issued before the eighteenth day of March last.

Passed February 20, 1781. See Acts of Assembly passed April 3, 1781, Chapter 935; June 21, 1781, Chapter 945. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 415, etc.

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## CHAPTER CMXXVIII.

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AN ACT TO REPEAL THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REVIVE AND CONTINUE FOR A FURTHER LIMITED TIME THE ACT FOR LAYING AN EMBARGO ON THE EXPORTATIONS OF PROVISIONS FROM THIS STATE BY SEA FOR A LIMITED TIME,"<sup>1</sup> AND ALSO CERTAIN PARTS OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PERMIT THE EXPORTATION OF FLOUR OF WHEAT FROM THIS STATE, BY SEA UNDER CERTAIN LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS."<sup>2</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, it has been found by experience that prohibitions on the exportation of the commodities of this

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<sup>1</sup> Passed September 22, 1780, Chapter 917.

<sup>2</sup> Passed December 22, 1780, Chapter 922.