

[Section X.] (Section XII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall be and remain in force until ten days after the meeting of the next general assembly of this commonwealth, and no longer.

Passed September 28, 1781. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 455, etc.

CHAPTER CMLI.

AN ACT TO ALTER AND SUPPLY AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR RECRUITING THE PENNSYLVANIA LINE IN THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas a number of the classes have not procured recruits according to the directions of the act, entitled "An act for recruiting the Pennsylvania line in the army of the United States,"¹ which this act is intended to alter and supply, passed on the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas, it is absolutely necessary that money be procured from the delinquent classes and that the recruiting of the said line be carried on to effect in the most expeditious manner:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section III, 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 the commissioners of the several counties within this state proceed, without delay, to levy the sum of twenty pounds specie on each of the delinquent classes within the city and the several counties, and cause the same to be collected and paid into the treasury of each county in the manner and under the pains and penalties directed in and by the act, entitled "An act to raise effective supplies for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one."²

¹ Passed June 25, 1781, Chapter 946.

² Passed June 21, 1781, Chapter 944.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all moneys brought into the treasury of each county in pursuance of this act shall be paid into the hands of the treasurer of the state by the treasurers of the several counties and remain there, subject to the orders of the supreme executive council of this state, for the sole purpose of recruiting the Pennsylvania line in the army of the United States.

[Section III.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all recruits who may or shall be enlisted in pursuance of this act shall be enlisted for a term not less than eighteen months from the date of their respective enlistments.

[Section IV.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supreme executive council of this state be and hereby is authorized and empowered to take such measures as to them may seem most expedient and effectual for enlisting the recruits necessary to complete the line of this state as directed by this act and the act which this act is intended to alter and supply.

[Section V.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act, entitled "An act for recruiting the Pennsylvania line in the army of the United States," passed the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and which this act is intended to alter and supply, and every clause, matter and thing contained therein, except what is herein altered or supplied shall be and continue in force and effect.

(Section VIII, P. L.) And whereas, it is absolutely necessary that some method be speedily taken more effectually to prevent desertion, Therefore,

[Section VII.] (Section IX, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person who shall, according to an act to discourage desertion, passed the twentieth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, apprehend and deliver to the sheriff or jailor of the county a deserter from the line of this state, shall be exempted from his two next succeeding tours of militia duty, on producing the certificate

of the sheriff or jailor of the county of his having delivered such deserter into his custody, to the lieutenant of the county, or such other officer or officers, whose duty it may be to superintend the appeals held on the calls of the militia when it would have been otherwise the turn of such person to have served.

Passed September 29, 1781.

CHAPTER CMLII.

AN ACT TO VEST THE TITLE OF A MESSUAGE AND LOT OF GROUND
IN THE TOWN OF LISBURN IN JOHN RANKIN, ESQUIRE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, John Rankin, esquire, of York county, hath presented a petition to this house, setting forth that a house and lot, in the town of Lisburn, in the county of Cumberland, was heretofore taken in execution as the estate of a certain Richard Carson, and in due form of law struck off and sold to James Rankin, and the consideration money by him paid to the sheriff; that the said Richard Carson held the possession of the said messuage and lot of ground, with the consent of the said James Rankin and afterwards paid and satisfied him for the money by him advanced to the sheriff; that the petitioner, with the knowledge and at the request of the said James Rankin, contracted verbally with the said Richard Carson for the premises, and afterwards paid him the full price agreed upon and obtained possession of the said premises. That soon after the petitioner, together with said James Rankin, went to Carlisle and employed a conveyancer to procure a sheriff's deed for the premises to the said John Rankin. That afterwards the said James Rankin joined the enemy at Philadelphia, and was thereupon attainted of high treason, previous to which the conveyancer aforesaid, had procured a sheriff's deed for the premises in the name of James Rankin, duly acknowledged in court and recorded, and there-