

eral courts of this state, the moneys arising from marriage, tavern and other licenses and the moneys due and that may be collected within the present year on mortgages in the loan office shall be and are hereby pledged as funds out of which the said loan or loans, with the interest and charges thereon, shall be discharged, satisfied and paid, and which the supreme executive council are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to draw and apply to that purpose.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if it shall appear that the above-mentioned and appropriated funds will be inadequate and insufficient to discharge and pay off the said loan or loans, with interest and charges as aforesaid, the faith and honor of this state is hereby pledged that this house will, at their next sessions, take effectual and speedy measures to discharge and pay off the same.

Passed April 15, 1782. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 534, etc. The Act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed September 21, 1782, Chapter 995.

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#### CHAPTER CMLXXXIV.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR GUARDING AND DEFENDING THE NAVIGATION IN THE BAY AND RIVER DELAWARE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED."<sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas some doubts have arisen whether the commissioners appointed in and by the act, entitled "An act for guarding and defending the navigation in the bay and river Delaware, and for other purposes therein mentioned,"<sup>1</sup> are authorized by the said act to contract for, lay out and expend in the service therein directed, any greater or farther sum of money than twenty-five thousand pounds in the whole, whatever length of time it may be found requisite to continue the armament therein directed to be raised and supported, and

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<sup>1</sup> Passed April 9, 1782, Chapter 965.

whereas, since the passing of the said act circumstances have arisen which evince the necessity of a larger armament than was at first proposed:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it 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 commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to procure, on the credit of the funds or revenues in the aforesaid act mentioned and on the terms therein expressed, such further sum and sums of money as shall be necessary from time to time so as the same shall not exceed the further sum of twenty thousand pounds, for the purpose of carrying the good intentions of the said act into execution, and the additional duties mentioned in the said act, together with the other duties and revenues assigned by the same, and the mortgage and pledge thereof shall be and are hereby continued till the expenses of the said armament and the debts contracted therefor shall be fully paid, though the same should exceed the said sum of twenty-five thousand pounds. Provided always, That whenever the said commissioners shall deem it necessary to make any addition to the said armament, beyond the ship *Hyder Alley*, already purchased, and her equipments and appurtenances, or to make other alterations in or to the said armament, they previously state in writing to the supreme executive council of this state a plan of the addition or alteration proposed, with an estimate of the probable expense thereof, and obtain the approbation of the council thereon, and such approbation shall be a sufficient warrant for the said commissioners to make such addition or alteration.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas no appropriation is made of such prize money as may arise to the state by means of the said armaments, and it is reasonable and proper that the same should be added to the funds assigned for raising and supporting the same:

[Section II.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whatever proportion of prize money shall become due to the state by means of captures made by the said armament, or any part thereof, shall be paid into the hands of the said com-

missioners, to be used and accounted for as they are directed to use and account for the other moneys appropriated to raise and support the said armament.

Passed April 15, 1782. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 534, etc.

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CHAPTER CMLXXXV.

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AN ACT TO EMPOWER ELIZABETH ALLEN, WIDOW OF JAMES ALLEN, ESQUIRE, DECEASED DURING THE MINORITY OF HER INFANT SON JAMES, TO GRANT AND CONVEY SUNDRY LOTS OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, IN THIS STATE, TO SUCH PERSONS AS HAVE BUILT OR SHALL AGREE TO BUILD HOUSES ON THE SAME.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, James Allen, late owner of the town of Northampton, in his lifetime contracted with sundry persons to build houses in the said town, and that he or his heirs should grant to them and their heirs on certain fee farm rent, such lot or lots of land as they should build upon or improve:

And whereas, upon the faith of such contracts made with the said James Allen, sundry persons have built houses and others are willing and desirous to improve and build in the said town on the terms and conditions on which the other inhabitants thereof have built:

And whereas, the said James Allen, by his last will and testament did devise the tract of land on which the said town of Northampton is laid out unto his son James, now an infant about four years old, and the income of the said town to his wife Elizabeth, until the said James should arrive, at the age of sixteen years, but appointed no person who during the minority of his said son should confirm his contract with the inhabitants of the said town, and by deed grant to them the fee of the lands which they had improved agreeable to their contracts; and to make further contracts with the people for the improvement of the said town, by which omission the improve-