

as aforesaid, and that every such sale or conveyance shall be absolutely null and void to all intents and purposes.

Passed March 12, 1783. Recorded L. L. No. 2, p. 46, etc. See the Acts of Assembly passed September 11, 1787, Chapter 1306; September 30, 1791, Chapter 1592.

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## CHAPTER MVIII.

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AN ACT FOR EXTENDING THE PROVISION MADE IN THE SEVENTH SECTION OF THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE REPEAL OF SO MUCH OF THE LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AS MAKE THE CONTINENTAL BILLS OF CREDIT AND THE BILLS EMITTED BY THE RESOLVES OR ACTS OF ASSEMBLIES OF THE SAID COMMONWEALTH A LEGAL TENDER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED." <sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the provision made by the act entitled "An act for the repeal of so much of the laws of this commonwealth as make the continental bills of credit and the bills emitted by the resolves or acts of assemblies of the said commonwealth a legal tender," in behalf of those persons who, from principles of honor and honesty declined paying their debts with a depreciated paper currency when they had it in their power by law so to have done, will cease on the twenty-first day of June next:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas it was deemed reasonable, at the time of passing the aforesaid act, that such honest debtors should not be compelled to pay their old debts till gold and silver money should become more plenty and easier to be procured; And whereas from divers causes, it hath actually become more scarce and difficult to be procured than at the time of passing the aforesaid act, and in consequence thereof great numbers of honest debtors as aforesaid will be ruined unless some further relief be provided for them:

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it

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<sup>1</sup> Passed June 21, 1781, Chapter 945.

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 no execution shall issue for the principal sum due by any contract or species of contract whatever entered into before the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, debts due to the state only excepted until one year from and after the twenty-first day of June next ensuing, and from thence until the end of the next sitting of assembly anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas divers debtors who had contracted debts which by reason of losses and misfortunes in trade they were unable at the time to pay, have before the [said] first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, assigned and made over their real estates, or such parts thereof as their creditors were willing to accept, to trustees in trust that the same should be sold within a reasonable time to pay and satisfy such debts, which said trusts have not been executed: And whereas the scarcity of gold and silver hath caused the value of lands and tenements in most parts of this state to fall vastly below the real value of the same, and if compulsory sales were to be made of such lands and tenements it is probable they would fall short of paying the debts which they were at first supposed a sufficient security for, to the injury and oppression of both creditor and debtor:

[Section II.] (Section V, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no sales shall be made by any such trustees of any lands [or tenements] which were so as aforesaid assigned and made over to them, before the said twenty-first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and from thence until the end of the next sitting of assembly without the consent in writing of the debtor or assignor, or his legal representatives, first had and obtained.

[Section III.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no act or statute of limitation of actions shall run or be deemed or taken to have run at any time between the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six and the end of one year from and after the

twenty-first day of June next, upon all debts and contracts made or entered into before the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

[Section IV.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever it shall appear that any debt or duty was contracted or incurred on or before the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, and any bond, obligation or other security hath been entered into for the payment thereof since the said first day of January, the plaintiff who hath brought or shall bring any suit or suits on any such bond or obligation executed in the manner aforesaid, may proceed to judgment in such action, and may issue his execution for the interest, damages and costs as aforesaid, but no execution shall issue for the principal debt or sum until one year from and after the twenty-first day of June next, as aforesaid.

[Section V.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it also further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the aforesaid act as is contrary to this act shall be and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

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## CHAPTER MIX.

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### AN ACT TO DISCONTINUE PART OF A ROAD IN NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it has been represented to this house by the petition of Henry Dorrach, of New Britain township, in the county of Bucks, yeoman, that some years ago a public road was laid out through the lands then owned by David Rees and since by said Henry Dorrach, from a road called Butler's road to Bristol road, the first course and distance of which road from said Butler's road being north easterly forty-two perches: