

free contributions belonging to the aforesaid congregation, which said money shall be received by the said trustees and disposed of by them for the purposes and in manner herein before described and directed.

Passed March 12, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 51, etc.

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## CHAPTER MXI.

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### AN ACT TO VEST THE PRESENT TRUSTEES OF THE LOAN OFFICE WITH CERTAIN POWERS AND AUTHORITIES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it is required in and by the act establishing the loan-office, passed the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, and in and by the act appointing certain persons therein named to do and execute the business and duty of those which had been appointed in and by the first mentioned act that certain persons therein named proceed and do certain acts and things as therein is severally and respectively set forth:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas doubts have arisen whether one trustee can legally do and perform the several duties of the said office:

For remedy whereof.

[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 David Rittenhouse, esquire, the present trustee of the loan-office, be and he is hereby vested with all the powers and authorities of any or all of the former trustees of the said loan-office.

[Section II.] And it is hereby enacted and declared, That every act and debt of the said David Rittenhouse done in pursuance of his said trust, shall be, and hereby is declared to be to all intents and purposes, as good, valid and effectual in law, as if the same had been done by any

or all of the former trustees of the said loan-office, incorporated, nominated and appointed in either of the aforesaid laws, anything contained in any law heretofore made to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the present trustee shall be entitled to the annual salary of one hundred and fifty pounds.

Passed March 13, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 55, etc.

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## CHAPTER MXII.

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### AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF JOHN GOSLINE, OTHERWISE CALLED JOHN GOSLING.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas John Gosline of the borough of Bristol and county of Bucks, cordwainer and tanner, by proclamation of the honorable the supreme executive council of this state, was summoned by the name of John Gosling, shoemaker, now or late of Bristol township, in the county of Bucks, to render himself to some or one of the justices of the supreme court, or of the justices of the peace of one of the counties in this state on or before the first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, in order to abide his legal trial for high treason.

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas it appears that the said John Gosline had surrendered himself before the issuing of the said proclamation to one of the justices of the peace of this state and had given security for his appearance to answer when called upon, and that he did not afterwards secrete himself, nor endeavor to elude a trial at law, but resided openly in his proper county, and that his attainder had taken place in consequence of his ignorance of the forms of law.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas the said John Gosline hath humbly prayed of this house to be admitted to a trial at law for any treasons alleged to have been by him committed, before