

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.

CHAPTER MXII.

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

he shall suffer the pains, penalties, forfeitures and disabilities of any attainder of high treason incurred by the not surrendering of himself according to the requisitions of the said proclamations.

[Section I.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 if the said John Gosline, otherwise called John Gosling, shall on or before the tenth day of April next 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 within this state in order to abide his legal trial for all treasons and misprisions of treason which may be alleged against him, that then, upon the certificate of the said justice or justices that he hath so rendered himself and hath given security for his appearance and for abiding the judgment of the court, or that he hath been committed to the gaol of the county, either for want of sureties or because the offence was not in its nature bailable in the opinion of the said justice or justices; and if the said certificate shall be recorded in the office of the master of the rolls for this state, or of the recorder of deeds for the city or county where such justice shall reside, that then and whenever such render shall be made and certificate granted and enrolled or recorded as aforesaid, all attainders and forfeitures of estates real and personal, and all legal disabilities which may have happened to the said John Gosline, otherwise called John Gosling, for or by reason of his not having rendered himself according to the said proclamation, shall be from thence forward null and void, and of no force or effect whatever, anything in the said proclamation or the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in this commonwealth, and for effectually discovering the same, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon,"¹ to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

¹ Passed March 6, 1778, Chapter 784.

[Section II.] (Section V, P. L.) Provided always, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to extend to the exempting of the said John Gosline, otherwise called John Gosling, from suffering any punishment, penalty or forfeiture, for any treason or misprision of treason of which he shall be convicted upon a trial by jury, and to which he shall be sentenced by judgement of court.

Passed March 13, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 56, etc.

CHAPTER MXIII.

AN ACT TO PREVENT AND STAY SUITS FROM BEING BROUGHT AGAINST THE INHABITANTS OF WYOMING DURING THE TIME THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas commissioners duly authorized and appointed agreeable to the ninth article of the confederation of the United States to hear and determine the controversy between the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the state of Connecticut, have adjudged and decreed, "That the jurisdiction and pre-emption of all the territory lying within the charter boundary of Pennsylvania and claimed by the state of Connecticut, do of right belong to the state of Pennsylvania."

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas this house, taking into consideration the situation of the present settlers under the late claim of the state of Connecticut, at that part of Wyoming eastward and northward of Nescopeck Falls, on the east branch of Susquehanna, have agreed to send commissioners to make inquiry into the cases of the said settlers, and to encourage as much as possible reasonable and friendly compromises between the parties claiming; and therefore it is highly improper that any proceedings at law should be had for the recovery of any lands or tenements during the said inquiry.

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and