

CHAPTER MCVI.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE MORE EASY AND SPEEDY RECOVERY OF SMALL DEBTS."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the act of the general assembly of the then province of Pennsylvania, passed the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, six, entitled "An act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts,"¹ hath been found by experience to be inadequate to the wishes and interest of the people of this state.

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas, the expenses and delays attending the recovery of small debts, above the amount of ten pounds are grievous, whereby creditors are discouraged from prosecuting their just rights, and debtors who are generally poor, are burdened and distressed with heavy costs:

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 the justices of the peace of the city and counties of this state, shall and they are hereby required and empowered to take cognizance of and proceed in the same manner to hear and determine in all actions of debt or demand of the value of five pounds and not exceeding ten pounds, as they are by the act to which this is a supplement, directed to do in debts of the value of forty shillings and not exceeding five pounds, anything in the said act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

(Section IV, P. L.) Provided always, That no execution shall be issued against any person for any debt or demand of the value of five pounds and not exceeding ten pounds, in less than the space of six months from and after such judgment, they giving sufficient security.

¹ Passed March 1, 1745-46, Chapter 365.

[Section II.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the said act, to which this is a supplement, as is hereby altered or amended, is hereby repealed and void.

Passed September 23, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, page 354, etc.
See the note to the Act of Assembly passed April 1, 1745-46, Chapter 365.

The Act in the text was repealed by the Acts of Assembly passed April 5, 1785, Chapter 1160; April 19, 1794, Chapter 1754.

CHAPTER MCXVII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR RAISING BY WAY OF LOTTERY THE SUM OF FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR IMPROVING THE PUBLIC ROADS LEADING FROM THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA TO THE WESTERN PARTS OF THIS STATE, AND TOWARDS THE IMPROVING THE NAVIGATION OF THE RIVER SCHUYLKILL."¹

[Section I, P. L.] Whereas it hath been represented to this house by the managers of the state lottery instituted by an act passed the fifteenth day of March last, entitled "An act for raising by way of lottery the sum of forty-two thousand dollars for improving the public roads, leading from the city of Philadelphia to the western parts of this state, and towards the improving the navigation of the river Schuylkill;"¹ That for reasons set forth in their memorial to this house the tickets of the first class of the said lottery have not met with so ready a sale as was expected at the establishment of the said lottery:

[Section II, P. L.] In order therefore to encourage the said lottery and to produce the benefits to the public intended by and set forth in the said act:

[Section I.] 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 it shall and may be lawful for the managers of the

¹ Passed March 15, 1784, Chapter 1075.