

debts shall be paid out of the assets given, having respect to mortgages, bonds with judgment, obligations and common book debts.

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas there are debts due by this state on accounts settled, or which may hereafter be settled, in favor of persons who are citizens or neighboring states:

And whereas the aforesaid act of April the first, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four extends only to those who are citizens of this state:

Therefore:

[Section II.] (Section V, P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all persons who have balances due by this state upon the settlement of their several accounts shall be respectively entitled to receive certificates in like manner as the citizens of this state agreeable to act of the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, anything contained in the said law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed March 30, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 488. See the Act of Assembly passed March 10, 1786, Chapter 1202.

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## CHAPTER MCL.

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HOLDING OF PRISONERS, ARRESTED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, FOR DEBTS AND OFFENCES, IN THE GAOL AND WORKHOUSE OF THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA UNTIL A PROPER PRISON SHALL BE ERECTED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in and by an act of general assembly, entitled "An act to erect part of the county of Philadelphia into a separate county,"<sup>1</sup> passed on the tenth day of September last, the said county of Montgomery was described and set off as a separate county, but no provision was thereby made for the safe custody of persons who might be arrested for debt or offence and be committed to the charge of the sheriff

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<sup>1</sup> Passed December 10, 1784, Chapter 1008.

of the said county of Montgomery, before and until a proper prison should be erected within the said county:

For remedy whereof,

[Section I.] (Section II, 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 in all cases wherein it would be lawful for the sheriff of the county of Montgomery and for the keeper of the workhouse of the same county, respectively to hold in close custody the body of any person in the common gaol or workhouse of the county of Montgomery, if such prisons were at this time provided in and for the same county of Montgomery, that all such persons shall be delivered to and kept in close custody by the sheriff and workhouse keeper of the county of Philadelphia, who upon delivery of such prisoners to them respectively at the common gaol and workhouse of the said county of Philadelphia, shall be answerable in like manner as if the persons so delivered were liable to confinement in the common gaol and workhouse of the county of Philadelphia and the keeper of the workhouse of the county of Philadelphia shall set at work and otherwise order, according to law, all offenders who shall be sent to him from the said county of Montgomery.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sheriff and the keeper of the workhouse of the county of Philadelphia shall, severally, receive all such prisoners as aforesaid and shall provide for them according to law and shall be entitled to the fees for keeping them, and also to such allowances as ought by law to be made for the maintenance of the same prisoners which allowances shall be defrayed by the commissioners of the county of Montgomery out of the county levies.

(Section IV, P. L.) Provided always, That the prisoners of the said county of Montgomery to be conveyed through the said county of Philadelphia shall not be at the charge or risk of the sheriff or other officer of the county of Philadelphia during their passing or re-passing.

(Section V, P. L.) Provided also, That this act shall cease

and become void after the termination of one year and six months from and after the passing of the same.

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## CHAPTER MCLI.

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AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CARRY INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, FOR ADJUSTING THE CLAIMS OF INDIVIDUALS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AGAINST THE SAID UNITED STATES.<sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by the said recited act the president or vice-president and executive council were empowered to appoint two additional commissioners to expedite the settlement of such claims as aforesaid and vested with similar and equal powers to the officers appointed by the United States in congress assembled to adjust and settle all claims and demands as aforesaid against the said United States:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas the delay intended to be remedied by the said act is by act of the United States in congress assembled now provided against and the necessary relief granted and thereby the first recited act rendered useless:

Therefore:

[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 act, entitled "An act to carry into immediate effect the resolutions of the United States in congress assembled for adjusting the claims of individuals of this commonwealth against the United States,"<sup>1</sup> shall be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

Passed March 30, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 437.

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<sup>1</sup> Passed December 1, 1784, Chapter 1118.