

may and shall grant relief in the premises to such insolvent debtors in the same manner and upon the same terms as is directed by the act of assembly entitled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within the province of Pennsylvania," passed the fourteenth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty, new style.<sup>1</sup>

[Section XXXIX.] (Section XL. P.L.) Provided always, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force for the space of seven years from the first day of January next and no longer.

Passed September 16, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 27, etc.

See the note to the Acts of Assembly passed February 14, 1729-30, Chapter 315 and the Acts of Assembly passed March 15, 1787, Chapter 1275; March 22, 1793, Chapter 1663, April 11, 1793, Chapter 1693; April 18, 1794, Chapter 1746; April 4, 1797, Chapter 1950.

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#### CHAPTER MCLXXXIV.

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AN ACT TO DECLARE AND ESTABLISH THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF THIS STATE TO DRAW FOR THE PUBLIC MONEYS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND TO REPEAL DIVERS ACTS OF ASSEMBLY SO FAR AS THEY ARE REPUGNANT TO THE SAME.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas the executive authority of making warrants and drawing for the public moneys in the hands of the treasurer of the commonwealth is by the constitution of this commonwealth vested in and belongs to the president and council of this state and the previous modes of taxing the people and the appropriation of the supplies arising thence by laws to be solemnly enacted belongs to the representatives of the freemen of the commonwealth in general assembly met and the regular and orderly issuing of the public moneys under the prudent regulations by one body of men will tend to economy therein and will promote and secure the regularity of the treasury accounts:

And whereas divers acts of assembly heretofore made have directed that the moneys of this state in the hands of the said

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<sup>1</sup>See the act of February 14, 1729-30, Chapter 315 and note.

treasurer shall be drawn for, issued and paid by virtue of orders and drafts made by divers public bodies, officers and persons:

[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 from and after the passing of this act none of the public moneys of this commonwealth shall be issued or paid by the treasurer of the same upon any other warrant, draft, order or authority whatsoever than the warrant of the president or vice-president in council or the warrant or order of the speaker of the general assembly of this commonwealth for the time being for the wages of the members of such assembly and the wages and pay of their officers as a legislative body and all other incidental expenses, the same warrants and every of them being first entered in the office of the comptroller-general of this state and countersigned by him, and that no warrant, draft or order other than the warrants aforesaid countersigned as aforesaid shall authorize the treasurer of this state to advance, issue or pay any of the public moneys or be available to him as a voucher in the settlement of his accounts with the commonwealth.

[Section II.] (Section III. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in all cases wherein by any of the laws of this state any court officer, or other person or persons is or are directed and enabled to make drafts or orders other than the president or vice-president or speaker of the general assembly for the time being, as aforesaid, on the treasurer of this commonwealth, that from and after the passing of this act such court, officer person or persons shall certify in writing to the president or vice-president in council the nature and circumstances of such service, demand or debt, and the sum of money required and proper to be advanced issued and paid by the treasurer of this commonwealth, and thereupon the president or vice-president and council shall by warrant as aforesaid direct such sum or sums of money to be advanced, issued and paid out of the treasury of this state as the same court, officer,

person or persons might by law have severally drawn for or ordered to be paid as aforesaid before the passing of this act.

Passed September 17, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 36, etc.

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CHAPTER MCLXXXV.

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AN ACT FOR THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas it is proper that those who dedicate their time and abilities to the service of the public ought to be recompensed for the same and it is declared by the constitution of this commonwealth, "That if any man be called into public service to the prejudice of his private affairs he has a right to a reasonable compensation;" yet moderation, frugality and economy ought ever be kept in view in this free state, especially at this time when the distresses occasioned by the late war are still felt and whilst the loans and other charges incurred by the same require that large taxes be levied in order to satisfy and discharge the just debts of this commonwealth:

[Section I.] (Section II. 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 the following annual salaries, to be paid quarterly, and the following daily allowances shall be the recompenses of the several officers of this state hereinafter named, to commence (except as to the members of congress) from and after the passing of this act, that is to say:

To the president of the supreme executive council for the time being the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds per annum.

To the vice-president the sum of five hundred pounds.

To the attorney-general the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds.

To the secretary of the supreme executive council the sum of five hundred pounds per annum, including the expense of clerks,