

of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three or which shall be hereafter built within this state shall not be liable to the said additional duty hereby imposed although they may belong to or be owned by such foreigners, anything [contained] in this or the said recited act notwithstanding.

[Section III.] (Section V. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the tonnage aforesaid shall be collected, paid and accounted for under the like penalties and directions as heretofore established by law for the collection of duties or imposts.

Passed April 8, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 108, etc.

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## CHAPTER MCOXXVIII.

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AN ACT FOR LENDING THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED POUNDS TO WHITEHEAD HUMPHREYS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANUFACTURING BAR IRON INTO STEEL.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas it appears to this house that the aforesaid Whitehead Humphreys hath discovered and brought to great perfection in this country the art of converting bar iron into steel, from the manufacturing of which important article much benefit hath arisen to this state and to the United States during the late war:

And whereas application hath been made by him praying for the favorable notice and encouragement of this house:

And whereas it is manifestly the duty of the legislature of this state to promote, encourage and increase as much as possible the manufacturing of this article:

[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 the supreme executive council be and they are hereby authorized and required to draw on the treasurer of this state in favor of the said Whitehead Hum-

phreys for the sum of three hundred pounds for the purpose of enabling him to carry on more extensively the manufacturing bar into steel within this state.

Section II. (Section III. P.L.) Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That previous to his obtaining the said order upon the state treasurer he shall give sufficient security to his excellency the president of the council for the time being for the sum of six hundred pounds for the faithful repayment of the aforesaid three hundred pounds without interest at the expiration of five years and that the money received by him as aforesaid shall be applied to the purposes for which it is lent.

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## CHAPTER MCOXXIX.

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### AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING THE GERMAN REFORMED CONGREGATION IN THE BOROUGH OF READING IN THE COUNTY OF BERKS.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas divers members of the German Reformed congregation in the borough of Reading in the county of Berks have at a very considerable expense erected one church and one school house in the said borough, have prayed that some persons amongst them may be incorporated for the community that they may receive and hold grants of lands and chattels thereby to enable the petitioners to erect and repair public buildings for the worship of God, for school houses and for the maintenance of the ministry and that the same as trustees, elders and deacons may plead and be impleaded in any suit touching the premises, and have perpetual succession:

And whereas it is just and right and also agreeable to the spirit of the constitution that the prayer of their said petition be granted.

[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