

## CHAPTER MCCLVII.

## AN ACT TO SUSPEND THE POWERS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND FOR SETTling THEIR ACCOUNTS

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas in and by an act of general assembly of Pennsylvania published on the twenty-sixth day of February, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An act for erecting part of the county of Bedford into a separate county,"<sup>1</sup> it was enacted that it should and might be lawful to and for Robert Hanna, George Wilson, Samuel Sloan, Joseph Irwin and John Cavet or any three of them to purchase and take assurance to them and their heirs of a piece of land situated in some convenient place of the said county to be approved of by the governor, in trust and for the use of the inhabitants of the said county, and thereupon to erect and build a court house and prison sufficient to accommodate the public service of said county, and that for defraying the charge of purchasing the said land and building and erecting the court house and prison aforesaid, it should and might be lawful for the commissioners and assessors of the said county or for a majority of them to assess and levy in the manner directed by the act for raising county rates and levies so much money as the said trustees or any three of them should judge necessary for purchasing the said land, and for finishing the said court house and prison. Provided the sum of money so to be raised should not exceed one thousand pounds money of the same province:

And whereas in and by a supplement to the act aforesaid, which was published on the twenty-second day of March which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four it is set forth, That the said trustees had not complied with the powers to them given in and by the act first above recited, and thereupon it was by the same supplement enacted that John Irwin, Benjamin Davis, Charles Campbell, James Pollock and James Wilkins should be and they or any three of them thereby were enabled to do, and perform all and

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 678.

every of the duties of trustees of said county of Westmoreland as fully and amply as the said former trustees could or might have done, anything in the before recited act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding:

And whereas the said John Irwin, Benjamin Davis, Charles Campbell, James Pollock and James Wilkins, having not done anything in the premises, another act of general assembly was published on the thirteenth day of September which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, entitled "An act to appoint trustees, to purchase a piece of land within described bounds, and thereon to erect a court house and prison for the use of the county of Westmoreland;"<sup>2</sup> whereby the supplement aforesaid was repealed, and Benjamin Davis, Michael Rough, John Shields, John Pomeroy and Hugh Martin of the said county or any three of them were enabled to purchase and take assurance in the name of the commonwealth for the use of the inhabitants of said county of a piece of ground within certain specified limits for the site of a court house and prison to accommodate the public service of the said county of Westmoreland and the commissioners of the said county were enabled and required to assess and levy so much money as the said trustees or any three of them should judge necessary for purchasing the said land and for finishing the said court house and prison. Provided, the same did not exceed the sum of one thousand pounds current money of this state:

And whereas the said Benjamin Davis, Michael Rough, John Shields, John Pomeroy and Hugh Martin have in pursuance of the trust and authority by the last recited act to them committed and in them vested purchased a piece of land at the place now called Greensburg, in the township of Hempfield within the limits aforesaid and have thereon erected a building to accommodate the public service as a court house and prison for the said county and which is now occupied for the said uses:

And whereas the said building is deemed sufficient for the purposes aforesaid until the said county be better able to erect more substantial buildings:

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<sup>2</sup> Chapter 1176.

[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 powers and authorities in and by the before recited several acts of general assembly given to the trustees to purchase land and to erect thereon a court house and gaol for the county of Westmoreland shall be and the same are hereby superseded until the legislature of this state shall further and otherwise direct concerning the same.

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Benjamin Davis, Michael Rough, John Shields, John Pomeroy and Hugh Martin shall and they are hereby enjoined and required to exhibit the accounts together with proper vouchers for the same without delay, of all their acts, proceedings and expenditures by virtue of the last recited act of general assembly, to William Moore, Charles Campbell and James Bryson, of the county aforesaid, which accounts and vouchers shall be laid before the justices and grand jury of the court of quarter sessions of the same county for their inspection and examination, and the said William Moore, Charles Campbell and James Bryson, shall with all convenient speed, liquidate, adjust and settle the same accounts, and in case any moneys of the same county be found in the hands of the said trustees or any of them, by all or any lawful way or ways compel the payment thereof to the treasurer of the same county, and for that purpose may bring and maintain any proper suit or suits in law in the name of the treasurer of the county of Westmoreland, and his successors and if any balance or balances, sum or sums of money shall be found to be justly due to the trustees or any of them or to any other person for or by reason of any act or doing of said trustees in purchasing said piece of land, and erecting and finishing the aforesaid building, the said William Moore, Charles Campbell and James Bryson shall satisfy the same by drawing an order or orders on the treasurer of the county for the sum so found to

be due as aforesaid payable to the person or persons entitled thereto.

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The Act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed February 14, 1789, Chapter 1339.

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## CHAPTER MCOLVIII.

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AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF ISAAC WYNN, PHILIP BUCKIUS, JOHN HARMAR, ADAM ALBERGER, EDWARD DICKINSON, GEORGE KNOX, CHARLES BROWN, [ELIAS ROSA,] HARMAN COURTER, DENNISON HUME, THOMAS HARRISON, WILLIAM RITCHIE AND CATO HILL, INSOLVENT DEBTORS CONFINED IN THE GOAL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas Isaac Wynn, Philip Buckius, John Harmar, Adam Alberger, Edward Dickinson, George Knox, Charles Brown, Elias Rosa, Harman Courter, Dennison Hume, Thomas Harrison, William Ritchie and Cato Hill, prisoners now confined in the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia for debt or money due by them to their respective creditors, have by their petitions to the house of assembly severally set forth their total inability to satisfy their respective creditors and have prayed to be discharged from further confinement of their bodies, which from their particular circumstances cannot be done under the laws at present subsisting for the benefit of insolvent debtors without the intervention of this house:

And whereas the prayers of their petitions appear to be reasonable as the petitioners will by such discharge be the better enabled by their industry when at liberty to acquire property, by which the debts or money now due by them may be paid to their several creditors:

[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 county court of common pleas in and for the city and county of Philadelphia be and