

from the nature of their first application, and the manner of granting the said relief they had always conceived it was intended as a gratuitous donation until they understood it was charged to them as a loan, and have prayed that as its capital stock continues in a reduced state and stands in need both of public and private support this house will be pleased to extinguish the said debt and release the contributors from the obligations to pay the same:

And whereas from the annual accounts exhibited by the said managers to this house not only the general utility but also the reduced state of the funds of that institution are sufficiently known to this house to warrant such donation.

[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 said sum of ten thousand pounds so as aforesaid lent and accommodated by virtue of the said resolve of the legislature of this state, dated the twenty-fifth day of March, in the year aforesaid, to the contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital, be, and the same is hereby declared to be a gratuitous donation of the good people of this state for the support of that laudable institution and the said contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital and their successors are and by force of this act shall be released, acquitted, exonerated and forever discharged of and from the payment of the same and every part thereof.

Passed February 28, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 166, etc.

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## CHAPTER MCCLXIII.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE MORE SPEEDY AND EFFECTUAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE."

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas doubts have arisen respecting the construction of the seventh section of the act, entitled "An act for the more speedy and effectual administration of justice:"<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Passed September 25, 1786, Chapter 1246.

For removing 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 nothing in the said act shall be taken or construed to prevent any plaintiff or plaintiffs from removing into the supreme court by writ of certiorari, any suit or action which by virtue of the said act cannot be originally commenced in the said supreme court, but that every such plaintiff or plaintiffs shall be at liberty to remove into the said court any such suit or action as they might or could have done before the passing of the said act.

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#### CHAPTER MCCLXIV.

AN ACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ACADEMY OR PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE TOWN OF PITTSBURGH.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the education of youth ought to be a primary object with every government:

And whereas any school or college yet established, is greatly distant from the country west of the Allegheny mountain:

And whereas the town of Pittsburgh is most central to that settlement and accommodation for students can be most conveniently obtained in that town:

Therefore:

[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 there be erected and hereby is erected and established in the town of Pittsburgh, in the county of Westmoreland in this state an academy or school for the education of youth in useful arts, sciences and literature, the style, name and title of which shall be the "Pittsburgh Academy."

Section II. (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the following persons, viz: the