

affirmation (besides other oaths and affirmations requisite to entitle him to vote) that he hath not voted in such election at any other place for members of the house of representatives in the congress of the United States and that he will not afterwards vote in any other place at the election before mentioned.

Passed November [September] 13, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p.

442.

CHAPTER MCCCLXXXIII.

AN ACT TO SUSPEND FOR A LIMITED TIME THE COLLECTION OF ALL MILITIA FINES INCURRED UNDER LAWS PASSED BEFORE THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF MARCH ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas complaints have been made that the collectors of militia fines incurred under the former systems frequently abuse the power given them of proceeding against delinquents by distress, whereby property far beyond the sums due is, by bad or collusive sales, lost to the owners, as much to the disreputation of government as it is to the injury of individuals, and as the strict exaction of fines long accumulating may in many cases prove highly oppressive and grievous, it is thought proper that the collection of the fines aforesaid should be discontinued until the legislature can institute an inquiry into the abuses so complained of and apply some effectual remedy thereto and also determine as to the proper subjects of exoneration from the fines now due:

[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 until the first day of September which will be in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine no collector or collectors or other person or persons shall proceed by distress or otherwise for the recovery of any fine or fines incurred under

any of the militia laws of this commonwealth which were enacted or in force before the twenty-second day of March in the present year, anything contained in the said laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all distresses, suits, process and proceedings commenced for the recovery of such fines so uncollected and unpaid shall be and they are hereby declared to be void and discontinued.

Passed November 19, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 442. The Act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 27, 1789, Chapter 1416.

CHAPTER MCCCLXXXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF SUCH OF THE BILLS EMITTED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION OF CONGRESS OF THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY," AND AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THIS STATE OF JUNE THE FIRST ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY AS SHALL REMAIN UNREDEEMED ON THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the situation of public affairs, the plighted faith of this commonwealth and the principles of natural justice and equity require that further time should be allowed for redeeming the bills of credit in and by the act to which this is a supplement mentioned and referred to, than is therein given:

[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 third and fourth sections of the act to which this is a supplement and every clause, matter and thing therein and in each of them contained shall be and they are hereby repealed and made null and void.

Passed November 22, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 444.

¹ Passed March 17, 1786, Chapter 1212.