

CHAPTER MCCCXCIX.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF ROBERT BEATTY AND BENJAMIN MOORE,
INSOLVENT COLLECTORS, CONFINED IN THE GAOLS OF CUMBER-
LAND AND DAUPHIN COUNTIES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Robert Beatty late a collector of taxes for the township of Shippensburg in the county of Cumberland, and Benjamin Moore late a collector of taxes for the township of Lebanon, then in the county of Lancaster, but now Dauphin county, have set forth by their petitions that they are confined in goal for non-payment of moneys by them received in the collection of public taxes, which from a variety of misfortunes they are rendered unable to pay and have prayed that they may be discharged from further confinement, and it appears to this house that the prayer of the petitioners ought to 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 and by the authority of the same, That the county courts of common pleas in and for the counties of Cumberland and Dauphin respectively shall and they are hereby respectively authorized and required upon the petitions of the said Robert Beatty and Benjamin Moore respectively to grant them relief with equal and like effect, and upon like terms and conditions as to imprisonment of their persons as is by the laws of this state afforded to insolvent debtors in cases of debt by them owing to private persons. Provided always, That the discharge of the said Robert Beatty and Benjamin Moore shall not extend to exonerate the counties of Cumberland and Lancaster or either of them from any part of their quota of taxes or assessments due to this state by reason of the default of the said Robert Beatty and Benjamin Moore or either of them as collectors aforesaid. And that nothing in this act contained

shall be construed to defeat or in any wise to annul or lessen the force and effect of any security, assumption or engagement entered into by any person or persons for the securing or paying to the state or county the taxes or moneys collected by the said Robert Beatty and Benjamin Moore or either of them or for their good behavior in their appointments or duties respectively, but the said securities, assumptions or engagements shall be as good, valid and effectual as if this act or any clause, matter or thing therein contained had not been made and enacted.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it [further] enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the said Robert Beatty and Benjamin Moore or either of them shall in the said courts of common pleas or elsewhere in applying for or obtaining the relief aforesaid be guilty of any wilfull concealment or other fraud or perjury and be convicted thereof, he or they so offending shall be liable to such punishments as the laws for the relief of insolvent debtors have directed in like cases.

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CHAPTER MCD.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE SEVERAL ACTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESPECTING PUBLIC AUCTIONS AND AUCTIONEERS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas certain public auctions are by the laws of this commonwealth permitted and established for the sale of estates, real and personal within the city of Philadelphia, the township of the Northern Liberties and the district of Southwark under certain rules and regulations and all other persons than the auctioneers duly appointed and licensed in pursuance of the said laws (except as in and by the said laws are excepted) are prohibited from selling at public auction within the said city, township or district any estates real or personal under the pains and penalties in and by the said laws mentioned: