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OF THE

General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

Passed during two sessions of the fourteenth General Assembly of the Commonwealth,—the first commencing the 26th day of October, and ending the 9th day of December, 1789,—and the second commencing the 2d. day of February, and ending the 6th day of April, 1790,—the third session, which commenced the 24th of August, was dissolved on the 3d day of September, 1790, by the adoption of the existing constitution, without having passed any law.

RICHARD PETERS, SPEAKER.

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CHAPTER MCCCCLXI.

An ACT to provide for the custody of prisoners committed under the authority of the United States.

SECT. I. WHEREAS, by a resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled, it hath been recommended to the Legislatures of the several states to pass laws, making it expressly the duty of the keepers of their gaols, to receive and safe keep therein all prisoners committed under the authority of the United States, until they shall be discharged by the due course of the laws thereof, under the like penalties as in the case of prisoners committed under the authority of such states respectively, the United States to pay for the use and keeping of such gaols, at the rate of fifty cents per month for each prisoner, that shall under their authority be committed thereto, during the time such prisoners shall be therein confined: and also to support such of said prisoners as shall be committed for offences: And whereas it is just and reasonable to aid the United States herein, on the terms aforesaid, until other provision shall be made by law in the premises:

SECT. II. *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 all Sheriffs, Gaolers, Prison-keepers, and their and each and every of their deputies, within this commonwealth, to whom any per-*

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son or persons shall be sent or committed, by virtue of legal process issued by or under the authority of the United States, shall be, and they are hereby, enjoined and required to receive such prisoners into custody, and to keep the same safely, until they shall be discharged by due course of law; and that all such Sheriffs, Gaolers, Prison-keepers, and their deputies, offending in the premises, shall be liable to the same pains and penalties, and the parties aggrieved shall be entitled to the same remedies against them, or any of them, as if such prisoners had been committed to their custody by virtue of legal process issued under the authority of this state.

A callendar of such prisoners to be yearly transmitted to the Executive, to the end that payment of the expenses may be obtained from the United States.

SECT. III. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That a callendar of such prisoners shall, on the first day of January in every year, be made out by the respective Gaolers and Prison-keepers in each county, upon oath or affirmation, to be administered by the President of the court of Common Pleas of the respective county, specifying particularly the names of such prisoners, the time of their commitment and discharge, and whether upon civil or criminal process, together with the expense of subsisting such of the said prisoners as shall have been committed for offences; which callendar shall be transmitted to the President and Supreme Executive Council of this state, to the end that order may be taken for the payment of the allowances and expenses on the part of the United States, in and by the said resolution assumed.

Passed 5th December, 1789.—Recorded in Law Book, No. IV. page 43.

CHAPTER MCCCCLXV.

[See the act for the gradual abolition of slavery, vol. 1, page 492, chap. 370, and the notes thereto.]

An ACT to incorporate a society, by the name of "The Pennsylvania Society for promoting the abolition of Slavery, and for the relief of free Negroes unlawfully held in bondage, and for improving the condition of the African race."

Passed 8th December, 1789.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 46.

CHAPTER MCCCCLXVI.

An ACT for incorporating the Methodist Episcopal church (known by the name of Saint George's church) in the city of Philadelphia, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Passed 8th December, 1789.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 51.

CHAPTER MCCCCLXX.

An ACT for founding and endowing a public school in the town and county of Huntingdon.

Passed 19th February, 1790.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 71.