

At a General Assembly begun and holden at Philadelphia, the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1731, and continued by adjournments until the fifteenth day of August, 1732, the following acts were passed:

CHAPTER CCCXXIX.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT OF ASSEMBLYMEN'S WAGES.

Whereas the great scarcity of gold and silver in this province made it necessary to emit bills of credit as a medium for trade and to be let out upon loan or land security at the interest of five per cent per annum.

And whereas the frequent meetings and long sessions of assembly occasioned by making the several acts for emitting the said bills of credit brought a great charge upon the respective counties for paying assemblymen's wages and defraying other charges, and it being reasonable that the several counties within this province who were at an equal charge in making the said laws, should as near as may be receive an equal benefit by the interest moneys arising on the said bills of credit emitted in pursuance of those laws:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Honorable Patrick Gordon, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the wages that shall hereafter become due to the representatives of the freemen of the said province for their services in general assembly shall be paid to them respectively out of the said interest-money by orders of the house of representatives to be drawn on the trustees of the general loan office of Pennsylvania for the time being, who are hereby enjoined and required to

pay the same accordingly out of the interest-moneys arising upon the said bills of credit in their hands.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of an act of assembly of the province, entitled "An act for raising county rates and levies,"¹ as directs the payment of assemblymen's wages shall be and is hereby repealed during the continuance of this act.

This act to continue for the space of three years and no longer.

Passed August 13, 1732. Apparently never considered by the Crown, but allowed to become a law by lapse of time, in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Volume III, Appendix V, Section I, and note to the Act of Assembly passed January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 137.

CHAPTER CCCXXX.

A SUPPLEMENTARY ACT TO THE ACT FOR RAISING COUNTY RATES AND LEVIES.

Whereas it is found by experience that the method for assessing the inhabitants of the province of Pennsylvania and the disposition of the moneys raised by virtue of an act of assembly of this province, entitled "An act for raising county rates and levies,"² has not altogether answered the good ends proposed by that act, and some doubts having arisen concerning the time of the commissioners' continuance in their office of commissioners and of the powers of the said commissioners and assessors by the aforesaid act:

To the end therefore that those doubts may be removed and that it may be known how the moneys raised by virtue of the said act of assembly is disposed of and to what uses the same is applied:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable Patrick Gordon, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania,

¹ Passed March 20, 1724-5, Chapter 284.

² Passed March 20, 1724-5, Chapter 284.