

after such his or their discharge as aforesaid shall not at any time hereafter be imprisoned for any debts before the time of their discharge contracted.

Provided nevertheless, That the discharge of the said prisoners by virtue of this act shall not acquit or discharge any other person from such debt, sum or sums of money for which such person now is bound or engaged with the said prisoners, or any of them, nor any lands, goods, chattels or other effects which they or any of them may hereafter acquire.

[Section III.] Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any or either of the said prisoners shall, upon any indictment for taking a false and corrupt oath or affirmation, in any matter or thing contained in the said oath or affirmation, be convicted by his own confession or by the verdict of twelve men, the said persons so convicted shall suffer all the pains and penalties which by law may be inflicted on any person convicted of willful and corrupt perjury, and shall likewise be liable to be arrested, taken and imprisoned upon any process *de novo* and charged in execution for the said debt in the same manner as if the said prisoners respectively had never been in execution or discharged before, and shall forever after be barred of any benefit of this act.

Passed March 20, 1767. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, December 17, 1767, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXVI, Section II.

CHAPTER DLXVII.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE MANAGERS OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE POOR IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA TO BORROW THE FURTHER SUM OF THREE THOUSAND POUNDS.

Whereas by the act of general assembly of this province, entitled "An act for amending the act, entitled 'An act for the better employment, relief and support of the poor within the city of

Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk and the Northern Liberties,'"¹ the managers of the contributions for the relief of the poor in the city of Philadelphia were authorized and empowered to borrow any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of six thousand pounds for the uses and purposes in the said act mentioned:

And whereas in pursuance thereof the said managers did borrow the said sum of money and have found that it is not sufficient fully to answer the good purposes by the said act intended:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania and counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex upon Delaware, 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 it shall and may be lawful for the said managers to borrow from any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, who shall be willing to lend any further sum of money not exceeding in the whole three thousand pounds, to be applied towards the payment of the debts by them already contracted [due and owing or hereafter to be contracted] for the uses and purposes in the said recited act mentioned and specified and no other, and the lenders shall receive the like certificates and be paid the same interest for every hundred pounds lent, and they and their assigns respectively may in like manner assign and transfer such certificates as is directed in and by the said recited act of general assembly.

And in order to secure to the said lenders their respective sums of money so lent, with the interest thereof:

[Section II.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the almshouse lot of ground mentioned in the said recited act and thereby ordered to be sold, with the buildings thereon erected, shall, upon sale thereof, produce a sufficient sum of money to answer all the purposes in the said act specified and to pay off the sum of three thousand pounds hereinbefore

¹ Passed February 21, 1767, Chapter 553.

mentioned, with the interest thereof, then and in such case the said three thousand pounds, with the interest thereof, shall be paid off and discharged out of such money as shall accrue by such sale; but if the sums of money arising from such sale shall not be found sufficient to answer all the purposes aforesaid, that such deficiency shall be paid and satisfied by a just and proportionable rate or tax to be laid, assessed and levied on all estates, real and personal, within the said city of Philadelphia, district of Southwark, the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk and the Northern Liberties by the same persons and under the same penalties, to be recovered in the same manner and in the same proportion in the said city, district and townships respectively as the sums to be raised for the relief of the poor are or shall be at the time laid, assessed and levied, and when so levied shall be paid to the treasurer of the contributors to the relief of the poor in the city aforesaid, to be by the said managers applied to the discharge of the said sum of three thousand pounds, with interest thereon due, and that the mayor, recorder and two aldermen of the said city and three justices of the peace for the county of Philadelphia, upon such insufficiency appearing to them from the accounts of the said managers, which shall be laid before them for that purpose, shall forthwith certify the same to the overseers of the poor of the said [city], district and townships respectively in writing under their hands, in order that the said deficiency may be laid, assessed and levied in manner aforesaid.

Passed September 26, 1767. Confirmed by the King in Council, March 6, 1769. See Appendix XXVI, Section III, and the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed February 8, 1766, Chapter 534; February 21, 1767, Chapter 552.