

justices of the courts of oyer and terminer and general gaol delivery to be held in the county of Philadelphia by inquest, indictments and verdicts to be taken of good and lawful men, inhabitants of the same county, in like manner and form as if such capital offense or offenses had been committed, perpetrated and done within the said county, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

[Section VI.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force during the term of one year and from thence to the end of the next sitting of assembly and no longer.

Passed February 3, 1768. Confirmed by the King in Council, March 6, 1769. See Appendix XXVI, Sections III and IV, and the Acts of Assembly passed February 17, 1768, Chapter 571; February 18, 1769, Chapter 587. Expired.

CHAPTER DLXXI.

AN ACT FOR RAISING AND APPLYING THE SUM OF THREE THOUSAND POUNDS TOWARDS REMOVING THE PRESENT DISCONTENT OF THE INDIANS, REGAINING THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas in the present critical situation of Indian affairs which threatens this and His Majesty's other colonies with a rupture with the natives, it is prudent and necessary to remove every just cause arising within this province which has given them discontent, and if possible to restore the friendship and alliance lately subsisting between them and this government:

And whereas it is expected that a sum of money laid out and expended in presents of condolence for the number of Indians who have been killed within this province and other gifts may have a good tendency towards this salutary end:

And whereas by an act of general assembly passed in the seventh year of His Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for raising the sum of twenty thousand pounds for the support of the gov-

ernment of this province and payment of the public debts,"¹ the provincial treasurer was enjoined and required out of the current bills of credit of this province arising from the excise on spirituous liquors from time to time to pay off and discharge the bills of credit made and emitted by virtue of the said recited act, and upon payment thereof to receive the same bills of their respective bearers and to deliver over the same to such committees of assembly as should be annually appointed to settle the public accounts, to be by them burnt, sunk and destroyed:

And whereas there is now in the hands of the said treasurer the said sum of three thousand pounds of the said last-mentioned bills as yet not delivered over to the said committees, which it is expedient should be appropriated and applied to the purposes aforesaid instead of being immediately sunk and destroyed:

[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 the said provincial treasurer shall and he is hereby enjoined and required to retain in his hands so much of the same bills of credit received by him as aforesaid and not as yet delivered over to the said committees of assembly, anything in the said recited act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; and that Joseph Galloway, James Pemberton and William Logan, Esquires, or a majority of them, with the consent and approbation of the governor or commander in chief of this province for the time being and not otherwise, shall order, appropriate and apply the said bills so retained by the said treasurer for and towards defraying the expense of presents of condolence and such other gifts as shall be necessary to remove the present discontent of the Indians and for the payment of the reward offered by the governor of this province for

¹ Passed May 20, 1767, Chapter 559.

the apprehending Frederick Stump and other expenses relating to Indian affairs; and that the said Joseph Galloway, James Pemberton and William Logan, Esquires, or a majority of them, shall and they are hereby required with the assent and approbation of the governor or commander in chief aforesaid, as often as there shall be occasion for the purposes aforesaid, to draw orders on the said treasurer, which orders so drawn and paid shall be produced to the committees of assembly for the time being and by them allowed in discharge of so much of the said bills of credit hereby appropriated to the purposes aforesaid.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the act of general assembly of this province passed in the thirtieth year of the reign of His late Majesty George the Second, entitled "An act for striking the sum of thirty thousand pounds in bills of credit and giving the same to the King's use and for providing a fund for sinking the said bills of credit so to be emitted by laying an excise upon wine, rum, brandy and other spirits,"¹ as relates to the raising, levying, collecting and paying the excise upon wine, rum, brandy and other spirits, and all other the duties, fines, penalties, matters and things relative to the said excise directed and enjoined in and by the said last-recited act, shall be and are hereby further continued for and during the space of one year over and above the space of four years during which term they were continued by the act hereinbefore first recited, and from thence to the end of the next sitting of assembly; and that the said treasurer shall and he is hereby enjoined and required out of the moneys which shall come to his hands arising by the excise from time to time during the term for which the said excise act now and by this act stands continued, pay off and discharge all and every the said bills of credit hereby applied and appropriated to the purposes aforesaid, and shall upon such payment receive the same bills of their respective bearers and shall yearly as they come to his hands deliver over the same to such committees of assembly

¹ Passed September 21, 1756, Chapter 412.

as shall be annually appointed to settle the public accounts, to be by them burnt, sunk and destroyed.

Passed February 17, 1768. Confirmed by the King in Council, March 6, 1769. See Appendix XXVI, Sections III and IV, and the Acts of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, Chapter 580; March 21, 1772, Chapter 656; September 29, 1774, Chapter 699; September 30, 1775, Chapter 715.

As to Section II, see the Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, Chapter 580.

CHAPTER DLXXII.

AN ACT TO CONTINUE AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR LAYING A DUTY ON NEGROES AND MULATTO SLAVES IMPORTED INTO THIS PROVINCE,"¹ AND ANOTHER ACT, ENTITLED "A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT FOR LAYING A DUTY ON NEGROES AND MULATTO SLAVES IMPORTED INTO THIS PROVINCE.'"²

Whereas the act, entitled "An act for laying a duty on negroes and mulatto slaves imported into this province,"¹ passed in the first year of His present Majesty's reign, and the act, entitled "A supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for laying a duty on negroes and mulatto slaves imported into this province,'"² passed in the same year of the reign of His present Majesty, are near expiring by their own limitation:

And whereas the said acts have been found by experience to be of public utility:

[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 the said recited acts of general assembly be and the same and every article, clause and thing therein contained are hereby declared to be continued in full force from

¹ Passed March 14, 1761, Chapter 467.

² Passed April 22, 1761, Chapter 468.