

the publication hereof for the term of seven years and from thence to the end of the next sitting of assembly and no longer.

Passed February 20, 1768. Confirmed by the King in Council, March 6, 1769. See Appendix XXVI, Section III, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 14, 1761, Chapter 467. Expired.

CHAPTER DLXXIII.

AN ACT TO AMEND 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

Whereas by the act of general assembly of this province passed in the sixth year of His present Majesty's reign, 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 overseers of the poor of the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark and the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk and the Northern Liberties are directed to pay the moneys by them respectively levied and raised from time to time for the maintenance, support and employment of their respective poor to the treasurer of the corporation of contributors to the relief and employment of the poor in the city of Philadelphia, after having deducted the charges arising from the reception and removal of their respective poor:

And whereas the overseers of the poor of the said district and townships have neglected to levy, raise and pay to the treasurer aforesaid a sum of money sufficient for the support and employment of the poor:

For remedy whereof:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of

¹ Passed February 8, 1766, Chapter 534.

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 any two justices of the peace of the county and any two aldermen of the city of Philadelphia, upon complaint made to them by the managers elected by the contributors to the relief and employment of the poor in the city of Philadelphia, or a majority of them, that a sum of money is wanting or likely so to be to support and employ the poor in the house of employment in the said city, to issue their order or warrant under their hands and seals directed to the overseers of the poor of the said city, district and townships, enjoining and requiring them forthwith to levy, collect and raise such and the same rate by a joint assessment on all estates real and personal and taxables within the city, district and townships aforesaid as to the said justices and aldermen shall appear necessary for the purposes aforesaid, anything in the said recited act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; and if any of the said overseers shall neglect or refuse to levy, collect and raise the said rate and to pay the same after the charges arising from the reception and removal of their respective poor and of collecting the said rate are deducted within two months after the receipt of such order or warrant, every such overseer being thereof legally convicted shall forfeit and pay to the contributors for the relief and support of the poor in the city of Philadelphia the sum of one hundred [pounds] to be applied by the said managers for the use of the said poor.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the several overseers of the poor of the city, district and townships aforesaid shall and they are hereby enjoined and required to collect the assessments by them and every of them already made, and after deducting the expenses of supporting their respective poor before they were received into the said house of employment, pay the balances remaining in their respective hands to the treasurer of the corporation aforesaid for the support of the poor [thereof], and upon refusal or neglect

to collect and pay as aforesaid each and every of the said overseers upon being legally convicted thereof shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds to the uses aforesaid.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall be and is hereby declared to be in full force from the publication hereof for and during the space of one year and from thence to the end of the next sitting of assembly and no longer.

Passed February 20, 1768. Confirmed by the King in Council, March 6, 1769. See Appendix XXVI, Sections III and V, and the notes to the Act of Assembly passed February 8, 1766, Chapter 534; and the Act of Assembly passed May 27, 1769, Chapter 596. Expired.

CHAPTER DLXXIV.

AN ACT FOR APPROPRIATING A SUM OF MONEY FOR BUILDING THE MIDDLE HOUSE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE BARRACKS IN THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Whereas by an act of general assembly of this province passed in the third year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for preventing abuses in the Indian trade,"¹ &c., directing the commissioners for Indian affairs to pay unto the provincial treasurer the balance in their hands after settling their accounts, there remains a sum of money, part whereof is in the hands of the said treasurer and a further sum yet due and to be paid to him:

And whereas it is necessary for the more convenient accommodation of the chief officer from time to time commanding His Majesty's troops quartered in the barracks of the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia that the house intended for his residence should be finished:

[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

¹ Passed April 2, 1763, Chapter 499.