

the contributors aforesaid from time to time at their general meeting.

[Section VIII.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said managers shall keep fair and exact minutes of all their transactions and proceedings, and a true and fair list of all donations, subscriptions and payments which shall from time to time be made to and for the uses and purposes in this act mentioned, and shall yearly and every year publish the same, together with an account of the moneys expended, in some of the newspapers published in the city of Philadelphia, and shall at all times when required submit the books, minutes, accounts, affairs and economy of the said society to the inspection and free examination of such committee of assembly as may from time to time be appointed for inspecting and examining the same.

Passed February 24, 1770. Confirmed by the King in Council, May 24, 1771. See Appendix XXVII, Section III. Repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 4, 1780, Chapter 886.

CHAPTER DCX.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR BAILING PRISONERS AND ABOUT IMPRISONMENT." ¹

Whereas it is declared and enacted by the act to which this act is a supplement, that the public allowance to prisoners shall be two pence per day and no more, and that the respective prisons shall be work-houses until others are provided for felons, thieves, vagrants and loose and idle persons:

And whereas some doubts have arisen whether it was the intent and meaning of the legislature that the said allowance should be paid to persons committed for criminal offenses after conviction:

For the removal of which doubts:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn

¹ Passed January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 151.

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 all persons committed for any criminal offense whatsoever shall during their imprisonment have and receive three pence per diem each, and that the commissioners of and for each respective county within this province shall pay the same to the sheriffs of the respective counties for the diet and support of such criminals as shall be within their gaols respectively out of the county stock which shall from time to time be raised and levied for the payment of the county debts, any usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed February 24, 1770. Confirmed by the King in Council, May 24, 1771. See Appendix XXVII, Section III, and the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 151; May 31, 1718, Chapter 236.

CHAPTER DCXI.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF [THE] LANGUISHING PRISONERS IN THE GAOLS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES WITHIN THIS PROVINCE, WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPRISONMENT OF THEIR PERSONS.

Whereas it hath been represented to the assembly of this province that many persons by losses and other misfortunes are rendered incapable of paying their whole debts, and though they are willing to make the utmost satisfaction they can, are nevertheless detained in prison by their creditors:

And whereas such unhappy persons have always been deemed the proper objects of public compassion:

[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