

CHAPTER DCXVII.

AN ACT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS PROVINCE
AND PAYMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBTS.

Whereas in pursuance of an act of general assembly passed in the ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, entitled "An act for raising the sum of sixteen thousand pounds for the support of the government of this province and payment of the public debts and other purposes therein mentioned,"¹ the sum of sixteen thousand pounds in bills of credit was prepared, printed, signed and deposited in the hands of the provincial treasurer, who was directed to pay off and discharge with the said bills all such drafts and certificates as had been made by order of assembly before the passing the said act and such other drafts and orders as the trustees of the state house, or a majority of them, should draw for the purposes in the said act mentioned; and in case there should remain any surplus of the said bills after the said certificates, drafts and orders should be paid off and discharged, it was therein further declared that the same should be disposed of by act of general assembly:

And whereas after the payment of the said certificates, drafts, and orders there did remain a surplus of the said bills, a part whereof hath since been appropriated for the payment of the public debts, by another act of general assembly passed in the ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, and there yet is a residue of the said bills in the hands of the said treasurer undisposed of:

And we the representatives of the freemen of this province, being desirous to support the honor and dignity of government and discharge the public debts, do pray that it may be enacted and:

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

¹ Passed February 18, 1769, Chapter 580.

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 out of the said residue of the bills aforesaid so remaining in his hands to pay [off] and discharge all such drafts and certificates as have been heretofore made by order of assembly.

Passed September 29, 1770. Confirmed by the King in Council, May 24, 1771. See Appendix XXVII, Section III, and the note to the Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, Chapter 580; and the Act of Assembly passed March 21, 1772, Chapter 656.

