

extend to discharge the person of the said prisoners, respectively, from imprisonment or being liable to be sued, prosecuted or imprisoned for any debts due to the crown, and that the said debts shall be first paid by the said assignees out of the moneys, if sufficient, which shall come to their hands from the effects so assigned, nor for any debts due to any distant or absent creditor to whom notice shall not have been given pursuant to the directions of this act.

[Section IV.] Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the said William Goddard and Septimus Levering, respectively, 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, he shall suffer all the pains, penalties and disabilities which by law may be inflicted on persons 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 same debt in the same manner as if he had never been in execution or discharged before, and shall forever after be barred of any benefit of this act.

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CHAPTER DCCXI.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE TRUSTEES THEREIN MENTIONED TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND AND TO APPLY THE MONEYS ARISING THEREFROM TO THE USE OF THE LOW DUTCH REFORMED CONGREGATION OR A RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF CHRISTIANS CALLED DUTCH PRESBYTERIANS.

Whereas Philip Tillyer, of Moorland Manor, in the county of Philadelphia, by his indenture bearing date the sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and

forty-four, did grant, bargain, sell and convey unto Abraham Vandegrift and Garrett Wyncoop, elders, and Henry Krewson and Jacob Bennet, deacons, duly elected and appointed by and for the congregation or religious society of Christians called Dutch Presbyterians in the township of Northampton in the county of Bucks a certain messuage, plantation and tract of land in Byberry township in the county of Philadelphia, beginning at a post in the line of William Homer's land, extending thence by the same southwest ninety-eight perches to a stone for a corner, thence north thirty-nine degrees west twenty-one perches to a chestnut tree for a corner, thence north seventeen degrees west forty-two perches and three-quarters of a perch to a stone for a corner, thence south sixty-three degrees west seventy-four perches to a stone in Nathaniel Brittain's line (bounded on the three last courses by John Worthington's land), thence by the said Nathaniel Brittain's land northwest twenty-three perches to a corner, thence by Samuel Cooper's land northeast one hundred forty and five perches to a post for a corner, thence by the land late belonging to William Groom, deceased, southeast one hundred and six perches to the first mentioned post, the place of beginning, containing seventy-one acres, be the same more or less, with the appurtenances, to hold to them in trust to and for the use of the said society of Christians called Dutch Presbyterians.

And whereas the members of the said religious society have by their petition represented to the assembly that the said tract of land was originally intended for the use and accommodation of their ministers, but upon experience it has been found so remote from their several churches as by no means to answer the intent and design of the purchase, and that they are desirous that it may be sold and the moneys arising from the sale appropriated to the purchase of a parsonage more convenient to the said churches:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, 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

messuage, plantation and tract of land, containing seventy-one acres be the same more or less, with all and every the appurtenances and the remainder and remainders, reversion and reversions, rents, issues and profits thereof, shall be from and after the publication of this act settled on and vested in and the same are hereby settled on and vested in Henry Krewson, Gilliam Cornell, John Krewson and William Bennett, the younger, their heirs and assigns, freed and discharged and absolutely acquitted and exonerated of, from and against all right, title, claim and demand of the said Abraham Vandegrift, Garret Wyncoop, Henry Krewson, and Jacob Bennet, their and every of their heirs and assigns forever, but neverthelèss upon the special trust and for the intent and purpose that the said Henry Krewson, William Cornell, John Krewson and William Bennett, the younger, or any three of them, shall and do with all convenient speed, grant, sell and convey the said messuage, plantation and tract of land with the appurtenances so as aforesaid vested in them by such legal conveyances as shall be reasonably devised to such person or persons as shall be willing to purchase and his, her or their heirs and assigns forever, for the best price that can be procured for the same, and that the receipt or receipts of such trustees or any three of them for the purchase-money thereof shall be good and effectual in law.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the moneys arising from the sale of the premises shall be vested in the said Henry Krewson, Gilliam Cornell, John Krewson and William Bennett, the younger, or any three of them, in trust and to the intent and purpose that they or any three of them shall with all convenient speed after the said moneys shall come to their hands lay out and dispose of the same in the purchase of other lands and tenements for a parsonage more convenient for the use of the Low Dutch Reformed congregation in the townships of Northampton and Southampton in the county of Bucks, saving and always reserving to all and every person and persons, bodies politic and corporate, his, her, or their heirs and successors (the said Philip Tillyer and his heirs only excepted), all such estate, rights, titles, interests, claims

and demands whatsoever of, in, to and out of the massuage, plantation and tract of land aforesaid with the appurtenance as they and every of them had before the passing of this act.

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CHAPTER DCCXII.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT, ENTITLED "A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED 'AN ACT APPOINTING WARDENS FOR THE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.' " 1

Whereas in and by an act, entitled "A supplement to the act, entitled 'An act appointing wardens for the port of Philadelphia and for other purposes therein mentioned,' " 1 passed in the fifteenth year of His present Majesty's reign it is ordered and directed that bills of credit to the value of six thousand pounds should be prepared and printed agreeable to the directions of the same act:

And whereas it appears there is an error in the date of the year of the reign of His present Majesty George the Third, in the form prescribed by the same act for printing the said bills of credit: Therefore:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the consent and advice of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the said bills of credit to the value of six thousand pounds directed to be prepared and printed in and by the said recited act shall within three months after the passing of this act be made and prepared in the manner and form following, viz.:

..... according to an act of general

¹ Passed March 18, 1775, Chapter 708.