

Laws enacted in the second sitting of the first General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which commenced at Philadelphia the 12th day of May, 1777, and continued to the 19th day of June in the same year.

CHAPTER DCCLV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR MAKING THE CONTINENTAL BILLS OF CREDIT AND THE BILLS OF CREDIT EMITTED BY RESOLVES OF THE LATE ASSEMBLIES LEGAL TENDER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in the act of the general assembly of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania passed the twenty-ninth day of January last past, entitled "An act for making the continental bills of credit and the bills of credit emitted by the resolves of the late assemblies legal tender and for other purposes therein mentioned,"¹ no mention is made in express words of bodies politic and corporate, for which reason it has been construed by some persons that such bodies are not comprehended within the meaning of the said act:

In order therefore that the said bills of credit and also the bills of credit emitted and to be emitted by virtue of an act entitled "An act for emitting the sum of two hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit for the defense of this state and providing a fund for sinking the same by a tax on all estates real and personal and on all taxables within the same,"² shall be alike taken and made current in all payments by all persons as well in their private as in their politic or corporate capacity:

[Section I] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

¹ Passed January 29, 1777, Chapter 738.

² Passed March 20, 1777, Chapter 752.

in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That all the bills of credit declared to be legal tender by the said first-recited act and also bills of credit emitted and to be emitted by virtue of the said last-recited act shall be legal tender, not only to those persons and creditors therein mentioned, but also to all bodies politic and corporate which said bodies shall be deemed and taken to be subject in all respects to all the fines and forfeitures in the said acts mentioned which the persons or creditors therein named are or ought to be subject to for any offense committed against the above-recited acts as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if the said bodies politic or corporate had been expressly named in the said act.

Passed June 13, 1777. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed March 5, 1725-26, Chapter 289; January 29, 1777, Chapter 738. Repealed by the Act of Assembly passed June 21, 1781, Chapter 945.

CHAPTER DCCLVI.

AN ACT OBLIGING THE MALE WHITE INHABITANTS OF THIS STATE TO GIVE ASSURANCES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by the separation of the thirteen United States from the government of the crown and parliament of Great Britain (who by their acts of oppression and cruelty as set forth in the declaration of independence by Congress bearing date the fourth day of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six had rendered such separation on the part of the said states absolutely necessary for their own happiness and the happiness of succeeding generations) the good people of this state of Pennsylvania are become free and independent of the said crown and parliament:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas from sordid and mercenary motives or other causes inconsistent with the happiness of a free and independent people sundry persons have or may yet be induced to withhold their service and allegiance from the