

enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the publication of this act, any person who shall apprehend any deserter from any of the regiments of the quota of this state, and carry him before some justice of the peace of the county, and upon proof being made of his being such a deserter, shall then deliver him safely to some secure gaol in this state, or to some continental commissioned officer belonging to the quota of Pennsylvania; which said gaoler or officer shall give to the person so apprehending a receipt or certificate, specifying the same, which said receipt or certificate, besides entitling the said apprehender to the reward appointed by Congress, shall also exempt him from two months actual service in the militia, or any fine in lieu thereof.

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## CHAPTER DCCLXXXVII.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE REGULATING OF WAGONS, CARRIAGES, AND PACK-HORSES FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE." 1

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by an act of general assembly of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act for the regulating wagons, carriages, and pack-horses, for the public service," it is directed that the wagon service be performed in rotation:

And whereas the time of the tour of duty to be performed by the wagons or teams respectively called into the service by virtue of the act, to which this act is a supplement is not limited, by reason whereof discontent and desertion may ensue:

For remedy whereof:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Com-

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<sup>1</sup> Passed January 2, 1778, Chapter 780.

monwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That all and every the wagons and teams, which now are, or hereafter shall be called into the service of this or the United States of America, in pursuance of the act, to which this act is a supplement, shall continue and remain in such service, for and during the full term of thirty days if not sooner discharged. But if it should happen, that the said term or tour of duty, should expire when such wagons or teams shall be on the way to the place where the loading is to be left, then it shall and may be lawful to keep such team or teams in the service until they return to camp or other place of destination; provided that such detention do not exceed four days over and above the time limited by this act.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any wagon, driver or carter driving his own wagon or team shall desert from said service before the expiration of the time by this act limited, then it shall and may be lawful for the county wagon-master or his assistant, and he is hereby enjoined and required to procure and hire an able bodied driver in the room and place of such deserter, and cause the said team to be brought to the camp, or other place, where necessary, there to complete its tour of duty, exclusive of the time so lost by such desertion, deducting out the hire or wages of said team, the driver's wages and reasonable cost for hiring and procuring such driver, together with the sum of twenty pounds, as a fine on such deserter, to be paid to the state treasurer for the use of the state.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any hired man or servant, driving a team or wagon, shall desert with the team or wagon under his care, such team or wagon shall be sent back by such wagon-master to complete its full tour of duty, exclusive of the time lost by such desertion: And such wagon-master is hereby empowered and required at all times when necessary to hire wagon drivers to fill all vacancies occasioned by desertion or otherways and to deduct the wages for such wagon drivers, with reasonable cost for procuring the same, out of the pay or wagon hire due to the owner or owners of such team, and the said hired wagoner

or servant deserting either with or without his cart or wagon shall be subject to such punishment and penalties as a militiaman deserting in the time of actual service, would suffer by the laws of this state.

(Section V, P. L.) And whereas some of the battalion districts may be too large for one assistant wagon-master at all times to do the duties of him required by law:

Therefore:

[Section IV.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the several county wagon-masters of this state, at such times and places, when and where it may be necessary, to depute as many assistant wagon-masters, to serve pro tempore, as the exigency of affairs may require and that such wagon-masters shall receive the same pay and rations as the assistant wagon-masters are entitled to receive by the act to which this act is a supplement, during the time and as long as they shall remain in actual service and not longer.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the time, or tour of duty shall commence on the day and time when the brigade is formed, and that no number of wagons less than twelve shall be called a brigade, and be entitled to a wagon-master, which said wagon-master shall be allowed forage for one horse while in actual service.

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## CHAPTER DCCLXXXVIII.

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AN ACT FOR THE BETTER SECURING AND PUNISHING PERSONS GUILTY OF THE CRIMES AND OFFENSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas divers offenses by law declared capital or felonies of death, have of late been perpetrated, and may hereafter be perpetrated within the city and county of Phil-