

ers are enjoined and required to have a due regard to an act, entitled, "An act to prohibit the sale of goods, wares and merchandise by public vendue and to regulate peddlers and hawkers in this state,"¹ that they grant no such permit to any person or persons as are in the said act debarred from the privilege of going about as a peddler or hawker in this commonwealth.

Passed April 1, 1778. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed January 2, 1778, Chapter 779. The Act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 22, 1780, Chapter 904.

CHAPTER DCCXCVIII.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE JUSTICES OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS TO HOLD COURTS AT OTHER PLACES THAN USUAL AND FOR THE REMOVAL AND SAFE CUSTODY OF THE RECORDS AND OTHER PUBLIC PAPERS OF THE SAID COUNTY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the invasion of this commonwealth by the enemy hath rendered the holding of the court of common pleas and the general quarter sessions of the peace and gaol delivery in and for the county of Bucks at the place where the same have usually been held and the continuance of the records and other public papers, and the attendance of the clerks of the several public offices at the office erected at Newtown for these purposes extremely dangerous and inexpedient:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly [met], and by the authority of the same, That the justices and judges of the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace and gaol delivery in and for the county of Bucks, shall be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to hold the said courts respectively at the times appointed by law and in such places as to the said justices and judges respectively or any three of them

¹ Passed June 19, 1777, Chapter 761.

may appear to be right and necessary, giving public notice of the said place ten days at least before the said court. And the records and other public papers belonging to the said county may and shall be removed to such place of safety out of the reach of the enemy as the respective officers who are or shall be lawfully appointed to hold or take possession of the same, from time to time may judge to be most proper until otherwise ordered by the supreme executive council of this commonwealth.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas the common gaol of the said county of Bucks is not at a sufficient distance from the enemy:

[Section II.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the respective sheriffs, coroners, justices of the peace, and other peace officers of the said county to imprison and detain in such places as they may respectively appoint, such persons as would in the usual course of justice have been confined in the said common gaol; and where the party committed is or may be charged with felony or any capital offense, he, she, or they may be sent to and confined in the gaol of either of the adjacent counties.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That an act passed on the twenty-first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act for the safe keeping and preserving the records and other public papers of the county of Bucks,"¹ is hereby repealed and every part and clause therein contained are declared to be null and void.

Passed April 1, 1778. Repealed by the Act of Assembly passed August 19, 1778, Chapter 801.

¹ Passed March 21, 1772, Chapter 650.