

Laws enacted in the third sitting of the second General Assembly of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which began at Lancaster, on Wednesday, the 13th day of May, 1778.

CHAPTER DCCXCIX.

AN ACT FOR SUSPENDING FOR A LIMITED TIME THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR REGULATING THE PRICES OF THE SEVERAL ARTICLES HEREIN AFTER MENTIONED FOR A LIMITED TIME."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the honorable the continental Congress taking into their most serious consideration the exorbitant prices of every kind of merchandise and necessaries of life, have, by a resolve earnestly recommended it to each of the United States to enact laws for the purpose of regulating the prices of all goods, wares and merchandise and also manufacturers' and laborers' wages, and likewise recommended conventions of delegates from each of the said United States to meet at certain times and places mentioned in the said resolve for the purpose of agreeing mutually upon certain principles as the basis of the aforesaid laws:

And whereas this house ever willing to do all that in them lies for the public utility consistent with the good of their constituents deeply impressed with the necessity and expediency of such general regulations and at the same time hoping for the concurrence of their sister states have enacted a law on the first day of April last, entitled "An act to regulate the prices of the several articles herein mentioned for a limited time,"¹ as nearly upon the principles of equity and justice as possible, and at the same time suspended the operation of the said law until the

¹ Passed April 1, 1778, Chapter 795.

first day of June next, in order to know what our neighboring states had done or would do in the aforesaid regulation:

And whereas it appears that similar laws are enacted by few of the other states and that some of those are about to repeal or suspend theirs for a certain time, and it would be greatly injurious to the good people of this state to reduce the prices of the several articles mentioned in the said act, when at the same time our neighbors are selling them at a much higher rate:

And whereas it appears that by the blessing of God the time is not far distant when the manufacturers of Europe will flow in upon us and then trade will regulate itself with a more equal hand than it is possible for any human law to do. The good effects of which begin already to appear by the daily falling of the price of goods:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the act, entitled "An act for regulating the prices of the several articles herein mentioned for a limited time,"¹ and every clause, matter and thing therein contained shall be and are hereby suspended from the first day of June next until the eighth day of September next, and from thence to the end of the next sitting of the general assembly; anything contained in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed May 25, 1778. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed April 1, 1778, Chapter 795.

CHAPTER DCCC.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED AN ACT FOR THE CALLING IN OF THE BILLS OF CREDIT ISSUED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF PENNSYLVANIA UNDER THE SANCTION AND AUTHORITY OF THE CROWN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES HEREIN MENTIONED. ¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by an act of general assembly enacted the twenty-third day of March last, entitled "An act for

¹ Passed March 23, 1778, Chapter 791.