

## CHAPTER DCCCXIV.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE REGULATION OF WAGONS, CARRIAGES AND PACKHORSES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE."<sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas from the great rise of the price of all things necessary to equip a wagon and team of horses since the enacting of the act, entitled "An act for the regulation of wagons, carriages and pack horses for the public service," it is become necessary to raise the pay of the said wagons, teams and horses:

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, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the publication of this act, the pay of a wagon with four horses and a driver shall be the sum of three pounds fifteen shillings per day, if the owner find forage for the same, and if forage is found by the public the pay shall be two pounds fifteen shillings per day.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas in the said act, entitled "An act for the regulation of wagons, carriages and pack horses for the public service," the commander in chief of the continental army or of the forces in this state, were empowered to impress wagons, horses, etc., in case of sudden and unexpected emergencies, the exercise of which power has from experience proved inconvenient and prejudicial to the good people of this commonwealth:

Therefore:

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons, under any pretence whatsoever, shall impress any wagons, teams or horses within this commonwealth, except by virtue of express warrant for

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

that purpose from the executive council of this state, signed by the president or vice-president in council, every person so offending, shall for every such offense forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds, to be recovered as fines and forfeitures are in and by the said recited act directed to be recovered.

[Section III.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the said act as empowers the commander in chief of the continental army, or of the forces in this state to impress wagons, teams or horses in cases of sudden emergencies and so much of said act as limits the wages of wagons and teams, are hereby repealed and made void.

Passed September 10, 1778. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed January 2, 1778, Chapter 780.

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## CHAPTER DCCCXV.

AN ACT FOR REGULATING NAVIGATION AND TRADE IN THIS STATE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the navigation of this and the other United States of America has been heretofore carried on under acts of the British parliament, regulating the trade of the plantations, until by some resolves of the said states made in Congress, and the declaration of their independence and an act of assembly entitled "An act to revive and put in force,"<sup>1</sup> etc., passed the twenty-eighth day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven; whereby the authority of Great Britain and all the said acts of parliament have been vacated and superseded within the territories of the said states:

(Section II, P. L.) And it is of great importance to this commonwealth, that the trade and navigation in her ports and harbors, and the importation and exportation of all goods, wares and merchandise in and out of the same, should be regulated and ascertained in this state by law:

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<sup>1</sup> Passed January 28, 1777, Chapter 737.