

## CHAPTER DCCCXX.

## AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF ALBERTSON WALTON, OTHERWISE CALLED ALBINSON WALTON.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Albertson Walton of the township of Byberry, in the county of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, yeoman, was by a certain proclamation of the honorable, the supreme executive council of this state summoned by the name of Albinson Walton, late of the township of Byberry, husbandman, to render himself to some or one of the justices of the supreme court or of the peace on or before the twenty-fifth day of June last in order to abide his legal trial for any treasons or misprisons of treasons which might be charged against him:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas it is set forth and alleged by the said Albertson Walton, That during the whole space of time between the said eighth day of May and the said twenty-fifth day of June he was in the power of the enemy, and that though he endeavored, yet he was not able to escape from them:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas the said Albertson Walton hath humbly besought this house to be admitted to a legal trial for any treasons or misprisons of treasons by him said to be committed, before he suffers the pains, penalties and forfeitures incurred by not rendering himself according to the terms of the said proclamation:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section IV, 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 if the said Albinson Walton, otherwise called Albertson Walton, shall, on or before the fifteenth day of December next, render himself to some or one of the justices of the supreme court, or of the justices of the peace of one of the counties within this state, and also abide his legal trial

for all treasons and misprisons of treasons which may be charged or alleged against him; that then upon the certificate of the said justices or justice that he hath so rendered himself, given security for his appearance and abiding the judgment of the court, or been committed to the gaol of the county either for want of sureties, or because the nature of the offense was not bailable in the opinion of the said justice or justices, and if the said certificate shall be recorded in the office of the master of the rolls for this state, or of the recorder of deeds for the city or county where such justice or justices shall reside; that then and in that case and whensoever such render shall be made and certificate granted and enrolled or recorded as aforesaid all and every the attainder or attainders, conviction or convictions, forfeitures and confiscations of estates, real and personal which may have happened or incurred to the said Albinson Walton, otherwise called Albertson Walton for or by reason of his not having rendered himself according to the said proclamation, shall be from thence forward, null, void and of no force or effect whatsoever, anything in the said proclamation or the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the attainder of divers traitors if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in this commonwealth and for effectually discovering the same, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon,"<sup>1</sup> to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding

[Section II] (Section V, P. L.) Provided always nevertheless, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to extend to exempting the said Albinson Walton, otherwise called Albertson Walton from suffering any punishment or forfeiture or paying any penalty for any treason or misprison of treason of which he shall be convicted upon a trial by jury [and] sentenced by the judgment of court.

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<sup>1</sup> Passed March 6, 1778, Chapter 784.