

authority for the settlement of those accounts as are given to them by the said acts for settling and adjusting the accounts of the late committee and council of safety of this state.

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas several persons who stand accountable for large sums of money received by order of the committee and council of safety of this state cannot support many of their charges by regular vouchers (although from the character of the parties and other attendant circumstances there is no reason to doubt of the justness of them) by which failure it is apprehended many honest men may be greatly injured in their estate if regular vouchers should be in all cases required:

[Section II.] (Section V, P. L.) It is enacted by the authority aforesaid, That under such circumstances the said auditors or either of them be, and they are hereby empowered to administer the oath, or affirmation of the party exhibiting such charges and to admit the same as proof; to exonerate such accountants of such sums as to the said auditors shall appear to have been justly expended for the use and purpose for which the same were intended.

Passed March 31, 1779. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed September 2, 1778, Chapter 806. The act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 1, 1780, Chapter 382.

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## CHAPTER DCCCXXXVI.

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AN ACT FOR REPEALING PART OF AN ACT, ENTITLED "A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT FOR THE FURTHER SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT; AND FOR DISARMING PERSONS WHO SHALL NOT HAVE GIVEN ATTESTATIONS OF ALLEGIANCE AND FIDELITY TO THIS STATE OR SOME OTHER OF THE UNITED STATES.'" <sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in and by an act entitled "A further supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for the further security of government,'" <sup>1</sup> passed on the fifth day of December last, it is enacted "That every person now in office or place of trust

<sup>1</sup> Passed December 5, 1778, Chapter 822.

under this government shall on or before the first day of April next, and every person hereafter appointed or elected into any office of trust under this government whatsoever shall before he enters upon the execution or duties thereof take and subscribe before the said commissioners or one of them the aforesaid oath or affirmation:"

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas it has been considered, that the officers of this state, who in the day of difficulty and danger accepted places of trust, and thereby exposed themselves in a particular manner to the resentment of the King of Great Britain and that such persons and all others who gave assurances of their allegiance to this state, and adjured the King of Great Britain and his successors on or before the first day of June last according to the form of the act, entitled "An act for the further security of government,"<sup>1</sup> passed on the first day of April last, had thereby manifested their attachment to the community of this commonwealth in a satisfactory manner:

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 the said recited clause is hereby repealed and declared null and void; and that no person who took and subscribed the said oath or affirmation of allegiance and abjuration as prescribed in and by the said act, entitled "An act for the further security of government," on or before the first day of June last shall be under any obligation to take and subscribe the oath prescribed in and by the said act, entitled "A further supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for the further security of government,'"<sup>2</sup> in order to qualify such person to hold or accept any office or place of trust in this government.

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas it is very improper and dangerous that persons disaffected to the liberty and independence of this state should possess or have in their own keeping or elsewhere any fire arms, or other weapons used in war, or any gun powder:

[Section II.] (Section V, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the

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<sup>1</sup> Passed April 1, 1778, Chapter 796.

<sup>2</sup> Passed December 5, 1778, Chapter 822.

authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act, the lieutenant or any sub-lieutenant of the militia of any county or place within this state shall be and is hereby empowered to disarm any person or persons who shall not have taken any oath or affirmation of allegiance to this or any other state, and against whom information on oath shall be given before any justice of the peace, that such person is suspected to be disaffected to the independence of this state; and shall take from every such person any cannon, mortar, or other piece of ordinance, or any blunderbuss, wall piece, musket, fusee, carbine or pistols or other fire arms, or any hand gun; and any sword, cutlass, bayonet, pike or other warlike weapon, out of any building, house, or place belonging to such person.

[Section III.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a complete list of all arms which have been or shall be taken from any person or persons by any lieutenant, sub-lieutenant, or by any other person or persons acting under his or their authority shall be made out and lodged by such lieutenant or sub-lieutenant or other person in the office of the clerk of the peace of the proper county, and the persons names from whom the same were taken which shall be open to the inspection of any person requesting the same, paying two shillings and six-pence therefor and such lieutenant or sub-lieutenant shall and is hereby declared to be accountable to this state for the said arms.

[Section IV.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the justices of the peace within this commonwealth, and each and every of them, shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to administer all and every of the oaths and affirmations required to be taken by the act entitled "A further supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for the further security of government,'" <sup>1</sup> and to proceed in all things therein as the commissioners appointed to administer the said oaths and affirmations are by the said supplement required in the premises.

Passed March 31, 1779. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed April 1, 1778, Chapter 796; December 5, 1778, Chapter 822. The act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 13, 1789, Chapter 1396.

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<sup>1</sup> Passed December 5, 1778, Chapter 822.