

Atlee, Jasper Yeates, William Bausman, Bernhard Hubley, John Hopson, John Hubley, William Henry, John Craig, Matthias Slough, Sebastin Graff and James Burd, shall be directors, Paul Weitzell, treasurer, and John Henry, librarian of the said library company, and that the name of the company by which they were heretofore incorporated shall be continued.

[Section III.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the proviso in the aforesaid charter as restrains the laws, ordinances, statutes and constitutions of the said corporation that they be not repugnant or contrary to the laws of England, be and the same is hereby repealed.

[Section IV.] (Section VII, P. L.) Provided always, That the rules, by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation shall not be repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth.

Passed September 6, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 103, etc.

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## CHAPTER MXXVIII.

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### AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE SPEEDY APPREHENDING AND BRINGING TO JUSTICE DIVERS ROBBERS, BURGLARS AND FELONS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Caleb Paul, John Paul, Robert Steel, Aaron Doane, Mahlon Doane, Edward Connard, Henry Connard, Jeremiah Cooper, Amos White, Joseph Doane, Abraham Doane, Levi Doane and George Sinclair, have been duly attainted by outlawry in the supreme court of this state of several robberies, burglaries and felonies by them committed within the same; notwithstanding which attainders they continue to perpetrate the like offences, to the great disquiet, terror and impoverishing of many of the good citizens of this commonwealth: And whereas Gideon Vernon, Thomas Bulla, Amos Williams, Edward Richardson and George Burns are suspected and charged and it appears to the legislature that there is good cause to suspect and charge them, and every of them, with

being accomplices in the aforesaid robberies, burglaries and felonies, which crimes might be in great measure prevented in future, and the said offenders be speedily brought to justice if due encouragement be given to such as shall vigorously endeavor the apprehending the said malefactors; and some severe punishment inflicted on such as shall hereafter receive or buy money or goods by them or any of them stolen, knowing the same to be so, or shall receive, relieve, harbour, comfort or assist the said offenders or any of them:

[Section I.] (Section II, 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 from and after the publication of this act all and every person and persons who shall apprehend and take the aforesaid Caleb Paul, John Paul, Robert Steel, Aaron Doane, Mahlon Doane, Edward Connard, Henry Connard, Jeremiah Cooper, Amos White, Joseph Doane, Abraham Doane, Levi Doane, George Sinclair, Gideon Vernon, Thomas Bulla, Amos Williams, Edward Richardson and George Burns or any of them, and deliver them or him to the sheriff of any county in this state in the common gaol of the same county, or to the keeper of any of any goal there, and obtain a certificate thereof from such sheriff or gaoler which one of them is hereby authorized and required to give upon such delivery, shall, on producing the said certificate to the president or vice-president in council, the same being countersigned by one of the judges of the supreme court, or any two justices of the peace, receive an order on the treasurer for the sum of three hundred pounds for each and every of the persons aforesaid so taken and delivered; and the said sheriff and gaoler are hereby empowered and required, without any mittimus or other authority, to receive the said offenders or offender so delivered in such gaol, and then or him to keep safe until thence discharged by due course of law, under the penalty of being punished as for a wilful escape of a capital felon; and in case any dispute shall happen to arise between the persons so apprehending, taking and delivering the said offenders touching the right and title to the said reward, that then the said judge or justices, so re-

spectively countersigning as aforesaid, shall, together with the said certificate, direct in writing, under his or their hands, the said reward to be paid to and amongst the parties claiming the same in such shares and proportions as to the said judge or justices shall seem just and reasonable.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any of the offenders herein before named or any other person who has committed any robbery or burglary being out of prison, shall, from and after the publication of this act, apprehend and take and cause to be delivered as aforesaid, two or more of said persons before named, who have been outlawed as aforesaid, or two or more of the other persons herein before last named, so as two or more of the persons last named shall be convicted of any robbery or burglary, the person so apprehending and delivering in the first case, and so apprehending and prosecuting to conviction in the second case, shall himself have the reward and allowance of one hundred pounds upon producing to the president or vice-president in council a certificate signed and countersigned as before mentioned, together also with a pardon of all robberies, burglaries and other offences not capital by him committed at any time or times before such apprehending and taking, if the supreme executive council of this state shall think it advisable by their proclamation to promise the same, which pardon shall be likewise a good bar to any appeal brought for such robbery or burglary.

(Section IV, P. L.) And forasmuch as the said felons are much encouraged to commit such robberies and burglaries because a great number of persons receive and buy of the said felons the money and goods so by them feloniously taken, and also do make it their business to harbor and conceal the said offenders after the said facts, knowing the said robberies and burglaries to have been by them committed:

[Section III.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall receive or buy any money, goods or chattels that have been or shall be feloniously taken or stolen by the offenders herein before named or any of them from any other person, knowing the same to be

so, or shall receive, relieve, harbor, comfort or assist the said offenders or any of them knowing them to be such, he, she or they so offending shall be deemed and taken to be accessory or accessories to the said robberies or burglaries, and, being of either of the said offences legally convicted, shall suffer and incur the pains of death without the benefit of clergy, but without working corruption of blood, loss of dower or forfeiture of lands or goods.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall discover any one or more persons, who, from and after the publication of this act shall have received money, goods or chattels that have been or shall be feloniously taken or stolen by the offenders herein before named from any other person, knowing the same to be so, or shall discover any person or persons who shall receive, relieve, harbor, comfort or assist the said offenders or any of them knowing them to be such, so as he, she or they so discovered shall be convicted of either of the said offences, any such discoverer shall have a reward of fifty pounds; and that the judges before whom such offenders shall be convicted as aforesaid, or one of them, shall determine and settle the right, rights and shares of such respective persons who shall be entitled to the said reward, and give a certificate thereof (being thereunto required) to the person or persons so entitled thereunto, who thereupon shall, on application to the president or vice-president in council, receive an order on the treasurer of the state for the aforesaid reward.

[Section V.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case any person or persons shall happen to be killed or wounded so as to lose an eye or the use of any limb, in apprehending, or in making pursuit after such robbers, burglars, felons, receivers of stolen money or goods, or receivers, harborers or comforters of such robbers or burglars, on proof thereof at the court of general quarter sessions of the peace and gaol delivery, for the county where the same shall happen, the justices, or three of them, shall give a certificate thereof to the executor or administrator of the person so killed, or the person so wounded, which shall entitle them, on applica-

tion to the president or vice-president in council, to receive on order on the treasurer of the state, if killed, for the sum of three hundred pounds, and if wounded as aforesaid for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds.

(Section VII, P. L.) And whereas it is the duty of every person legally accused of any crime quietly to yield himself up to the justice of his country, and also of every citizen and subject to use his best endeavors for preventing the escape of any robbers, burgals or other felon:

[Section VI.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any of the offenders herein before named shall resist any person or persons endeavoring to arrest or imprison him, and he so making resistance shall happen to be killed or if any of them shall fly from any person or persons endeavoring to apprehend him, and in the pursuit the said party so flying shall be killed, where he cannot be otherwise overtaken, he or they so killing shall be and hereby [are] justified; and in case any prosecution shall be commenced against any person or persons for the same, he or they may thereto plead the general issue, and give this act in evidence. And moreover he or they so killing any of the before named offenders (on proof thereof made at any court of general quarter sessions of the peace and gaol delivery for the county where such killing shall happen, and the same be certified by the justices, or any three of them, who are hereby authorized and required to certify the same) shall on producing such certificate to the president or vice-president in council, receive an order on the treasurer of the state for the sum of three hundred pounds.

[Section VII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall be called on by any justice of the peace, sheriff or his deputy, any militia officer, constable or person robbed, to go in pursuit of either of the said felons or offenders, their aiders, abettors, harborers or concealers, and shall refuse, he or they severally, on conviction before any justice of the peace, where he or they shall reside, shall pay a fine of five pounds to the use of the

commonwealth, to be recovered as debts of five pounds and under are recoverable by law.

[Section VIII.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall be [and] continue in force until the first day of January, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, and no longer.

Passed September 8, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 105, etc. See the Act of Assembly passed February 9, 1784, Chapter 1067.

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## CHAPTER MXXIX.

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### AN ACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLEGE AT THE BOROUGH OF CARLISLE, IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the happiness and prosperity of every community (under the direction and government of Divine Providence) depends much on the right education of the youth who must succeed the aged in the important offices of society, and the most exalted nations have acquired their pre-eminence by the virtuous principles and liberal knowledge instilled in[to] the minds of the rising generation:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas, after a long and bloody contest with a great and powerful kingdom, it has pleased Almighty God to restore to the United States of America the blessings of a general peace, whereby the good people of this state, relieved from the burdens of war, are placed in a condition to attend to useful arts, sciences and literature, and it is the evident duty and interest of all ranks of people to promote and encourage as much as in them lies every attempt to disseminate and promote the growth of useful knowledge:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas by the petition of a large number of persons of established reputation for patriotism, integrity, ability and humanity presented to this house, it appears that the institution of a college at the borough of Carlisle in