

CHAPTER MXLVII.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF JOSEPH JUDSON, SHEM THOMPSON AND LAWRENCE POWELL, INSOLVENT DEBTORS, CONFINED IN THE GAOL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Joseph Judson, Shem Thompson and Lawrence Powell, prisoners, confined in the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia for debt, by their petitions to this house have severally and respectively set forth that by reason of divers losses and misfortunes they are wholly unable to satisfy their several and respective creditors, and have prayed that they may be discharged from further confinement; and it appearing that the said Joseph Judson, Shem Thompson and Lawrence Powell have fully complied with the directions of this house in giving proper notice in the newspapers of their several applications and the prayer of their said petitions being found reasonable and just.

[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 the county court of common pleas, in and for the city and county of Philadelphia, (by the process of which court the said Joseph Judson, Shem Thompson and Lawrence Powell have been committed) be and they are hereby authorized and required upon the several and respective petitions of the said Joseph Judson, Shem Thompson and Lawrence Powell to grant unto them, and to each of them the like relief as by the laws now in force within this state is provided for insolvent debtors who are confined in execution for debt not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds to any one person.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it also further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the same court upon such petitions being made to them by the said Joseph Judson, Shem Thompson and Lawrence Powell, for the several and respec-

tive discharges as aforesaid shall thereupon proceed in all things (except as is hereinafter excepted) conformably to the purport, intent and meaning of the several acts of assembly now in force in this commonwealth for the relief of insolvent debtors not owing more than one hundred and fifty pounds to one person as aforesaid, that their several and respective discharges be equally valid and effectual and their proceedings equally good and binding to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any creditor or creditors of the said Joseph Judson, Shem Thompson and Lawrence Powell or either of them, do not, or shall not reside in this state at the time of such proceedings before said court that the service of notice of application to the said court, or of any rule or order of the same court in the premises, on the known agent or attorney of such creditor or creditors within this state shall be equally good and effectual as if the same notice or notices were served on such creditor or creditors in person.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) Provided also that the said Joseph Judson, Shem Thompson and Lawrence Powell or either of them shall not be debarred the benefit hereby intended to be granted to them, and each of them, by reason that they, or either of them have not resided within this commonwealth for the space of two years next before his or their imprisonment.

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CHAPTER MXLVIII.

AN ACT FOR CONFIRMING THE ESTATE OF GEORGE ROTH IN CERTAIN LANDS, THE TITLE DEED BEING LOST.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas George Roth of Marlborough township in the county of Philadelphia in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, on the seventeenth day of February in