

duties upon wines and fruit of the growth of the territories of the kingdom aforesaid be and the same is hereby repealed.

[Section II.] (Section III. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon all nails and spikes of foreign manufacture that shall be imported into this state by land or by water after the first day of May next there shall be levied, collected and paid to the use of this commonwealth the further and additional duty of one penny for every pound thereof and the same duty shall be collected, secured and paid in like manner and for like continuance as the impost of two and a half per centum is or shall be collected, secured and paid subject to like regulations, seizure and forfeiture and be entitled to like draw-backs upon re-exportation, and the collector of the port of Philadelphia shall be subject to like account and responsibility for the same.

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CHAPTER MCICIX.

AN ACT FOR QUIETING THE DISTURBANCES AT WYOMING, FOR PARDONING CERTAIN OFFENDERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas a spirit of licentiousness and disobedience to the laws has for some time [past] prevailed in the counties of Northumberland and Northampton and divers enormities have been there committed in consequence of a dispute subsisting between a number of people called Connecticut claimants and other citizens of this state highly injurious to the peace, good order and dignity of the said state.

And whereas it is expedient and necessary that the hands of government should be strengthened and that proper measures be taken as well to quiet the said disturbances as to protect the peaceable inhabitants of the said counties in their persons and estates, and it is likewise fit that lenient means be first tried before the most coercive ones are used:

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 all and all manner of felonies, riots, trespases, offences, crimes, contempts, and misdemeanors whatsoever done or committed by any person or persons within the said counties of Northumberland and Northampton other than the persons hereinafter excepted under pretence or color or in consequence of any disputes or controversies which have subsisted between the said Connecticut claimants and other citizens of this state on or before the first day of November last, be pardoned, released, acquitted, indemnified, discharged and be put in oblivion, and that all and every the person and persons other than such as are hereinafter excepted who have done or committed the same be and they are hereby pardoned, released, acquitted, indemnified and discharged therefrom and of and from all pains, penalties and forfeitures which they or any of them may have incurred or might incur for the same.

(Section III. P.L.) Provided nevertheless, That no person or persons who have so as aforesaid done or committed any of the said felonies, riots, trespases, offences, crimes, contempts or misdemeanors, and who shall not on or before the fifteenth day of April next surrender himself or themselves to one or more of the justices of the peace in and for the county wherein such offender or offenders do respectively reside and enter into a recognizance or recognizances to this commonwealth with one sufficient surety for each of the said offenders in the sum of one hundred pounds conditioned for his or their keeping the peace and being of good behavior for the term of twelve months, shall receive any benefit or advantage of or from the said pardon or indemnity or be held or adjudged to be pardoned or indemnified by, under or by virtue of this act.

[Section II.] (Section IV. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the president or vice-president and supreme executive council of this commonwealth be authorized and empowered and they are hereby authorized and empowered to employ such and so many of the militia of this

commonwealth and for so long a time as they may judge necessary for duly enforcing the laws in the counties aforesaid and for assisting the magistrates and ministerial officers in the said counties respectively to bring to justice all and every such person and persons who have done or committed any of the said offences and who shall not have surrendered himself or themselves and given the security aforesaid within the time and in the proper manner directed by this act, and the president or vice-president in council are hereby empowered to draw orders on the treasurer of this state for any sum or sums of money which may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid not exceeding in the whole the sum of fifteen thousand pounds.

[Section III.] (Section V. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the act of assembly of this commonwealth passed the ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three entitled, "An act for the repeal of an act entitled, 'An act to prevent and stay suits from being brought against the inhabitants of Wyoming during the times therein mentioned, [and for other purposes therein mentioned.]'" as¹ confirms the division of the townships of Shawnese, Stoke and Wyoming into two districts for the purpose of electing justices of the peace for the same and to enable the supreme executive council to commissionate four or more of the persons elected as justices of the peace for the same be hereby repealed and so much of the said act is hereby repealed and made void and the commissions of the justices of the peace heretofore granted by the said supreme executive council in pursuance thereof are hereby annulled and made void.

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¹ Chapter 1030.