

shall belong to the overseers of the poor of the city, borough, township or district wherein the offence shall be committed, and the other moiety to the person or persons who shall prosecute and sue for the same, and the inhabitants of such city or other place shall notwithstanding be admitted witnesses to testify against any person who shall be prosecuted for any offence by virtue of this act.

(Section XX. P. L.) Provided always, That no person shall be prosecuted or convicted for any offence against this act except such prosecution be commenced within thirty days after the offence has been committed.

[Section XIV.] (Section XXI. P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act of assembly before recited, entitled "An act for the suppression of vice and immorality,"³ and every article, clause and thing, therein contained, and the several act of assembly which were thereby repealed, shall from and after the first day of August next be repealed and become null and void, and that this act and everything herein contained shall then and hereupon be in full force and virtue and continue in force and virtue for the term of seven years and no longer.

Passed 25th September, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 125, etc.
See Acts of Assembly passed March 2, 1789, Chapter 1391; April 22, 1794, Chapter 1758.

CHAPTER MCCXLIX.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF GEORGE SCHLOSSER.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas it hath been made to appear to the legislature of this commonwealth by George Schlosser of the city of Philadelphia, that on the application of the supreme executive council of this state made to the said George Schlosser, at Lancaster, in the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, in a peculiar

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public exigency he furnish the treasurer of this state with the sum of two thousand pounds of the bills of credit which had been emitted and issued by the United States of America in congress assembled, and that one thousand pounds thereof was instantly applied to the important purpose of purchasing supplies for the federal army, and the same was accordingly paid to David Deshler and Jacob Arndt, Esquires, commissioners acting in that behalf in the county of Northampton; and that the sum of one thousand pounds being the residue of the money so furnished as aforesaid, was at the same time delivered to Hugh Montgomery, Esquire, for the purpose of discharging in part the arrears of pay of the officers and privates of certain armed vessels then employed by this state on the Delaware; and that by means of the moneys so advanced as aforesaid, to this state by the said George Schlosser, the United States of America as to one moiety thereof, and this state as to the other moiety thereof had the benefit of the same at the times of the payment thereof respectively made to the treasurer of this state:

And whereas it hath also been made to appear that re-payment of the said sum of two thousand pounds, together with the further sum of one hundred and twenty pounds as interest accrued thereon was not made to the said George Schlosser by the treasurer of this state until the twelfth day of July which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, when the said George Schlosser received payment thereof in bills of credit of the same kind with those in which he had furnished the sum of two thousand pounds as aforesaid, but that the value of the same money was in the meantime considerably depreciated whereby the said George Schlosser is a great sufferer:

And whereas the president and council to whom the said George Schlosser had applied for relief in the premises on full investigation of his case, and finding themselves not authorized to relieve him, have represented the same as deserving of the attention and interposition of the general assembly:

And whereas the said George Schlosser hath by his petition

humbly prayed the legislature of this state for relief and compensation for the loss he hath suffered as aforesaid:

And whereas the said George Schlosser by the earnest application of the said supreme executive council was as he affirmeth diverted from his purpose of depositing the said two thousand pounds in the federal loan office, whereby the value of the same might have been secured from further depreciation. And as it is but just and reasonable that with respect to the money so advanced to the state that he should be put in no worse situation than if he had deposited the same in the federal loan office and obtained a certificate for the same on the several days at which he furnished the same to the use of this state as aforesaid.

[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 comptroller-general of this commonwealth shall be and is hereby authorized and required to calculate, ascertain and liquidate by the scale of depreciation of the United States of America which hath been established for the adjustment and liquidation of the sums that were deposited on loan in the federal loan offices in depreciated bills of credit, and for other purposes, that the damage and loss which the said George Schlosser hath incurred and suffered by furnishing the said two thousand pounds to the use of this state as aforesaid, and upon adjustment of the same loss to make out and issue a certificate to the said George Schlosser payable for the amount thereof in specie, together with interest, which certificate shall be available to the said George Schlosser in like manner and to like effect as certificates are which have been made out and issued for services done and supplies furnished to this state during the late war.

Passed September 21, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 124, etc.