

our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and if any such warrant shall issue otherwise than aforesaid, it shall be deemed to have issued by surprise, and shall be of no avail in law.

(Section III. P. L.) Provided always, That by a settlement shall be understood an actual personal resident settlement with a manifest intention of making it a place of abode, and the means of supporting a family and continued from time to time unless interrupted by the enemy or by going into the military service of this country during the war.

[Section II.] (Section IV. P. L.) Provided always, That this act shall extend only to that part of this state which is within the territory purchased of or from the Indians by the King of Great Britain at Fort Stanwix, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight, and that no such settler shall or may have the pre-emption of [any] tract exceeding four hundred acres by reason of any such settlement.

Passed December 30, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 164, etc.  
See the Act of Assembly passed March 29, 1788, Chapter 1348;  
March 21, 1789, Chapter 1402; March 29, 1790, Chapter 1502.

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## CHAPTER MCCLX.

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AN ACT APPOINTING DEPUTIES TO THE CONVENTION INTENDED TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the general assembly of this commonwealth, taking into their serious consideration the representations heretofore made to the legislatures of the several states in the Union, by the United States in congress assembled, and also weighing the difficulties under which the confederated states now labor, are fully convicted of the necessity of revising the federal constitution for the purpose of making such alterations and amendments as the exigencies of our public affairs require:

And whereas the legislature of the state of Virginia have already passed an act of that commonwealth empowering certain commissioners to meet at the city of Philadelphia in May next, a convention of commissioners or deputies from the different states, and the legislature of this state are fully sensible of the important advantages which may be derived to the United States and every of them from co-operating with the commonwealth of Virginia, and the other states of the confederation in the said design:

[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 Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Jared Ingersoll, Thomas Fitzsimmons, James Wilson and Gouverneur Morris, Esquires, are hereby appointed deputies from this state to meet in the convention of the deputies of the respective states of North America to be held in the city of Philadelphia on the second day of the month of May next. And the said Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Jared Ingersoll, Thomas Fitzsimmons, James Wilson and Gouverneur Morris, Esquires or any four of them are hereby constituted and appointed deputies from this state with powers to meet such deputies as may be appointed and authorized by the other states to assemble in the said convention at the city aforesaid, and to join with them in devising, deliberating on and discussing all such alterations and further provisions as may be necessary to render the federal constitution fully adequate to the exigencies of the Union and in reporting such act or acts for that purpose to the United States in Congress assembled as when agreed to by them and duly confirmed by the several states will effectually provide for the same.

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case any of the said deputies hereby nominated shall happen to die or to resign his or their said appointment or appointments, the supreme executive council shall be and hereby are empowered and required to nominate and appoint other person or persons in lieu of him or them so deceased or who has or have so resigned, which person

or persons from and after such nomination and appointment, shall be and hereby are declared to be vested with the same powers respectively as any of the deputies nominated and appointed by this act is vested with by the same. Provided always, That the council are not hereby authorized nor shall they make any such nomination or appointment except in vacation, and during the recess of the general assembly of this state.

Passed December 30, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 163, etc.  
See the Act of Assembly passed March 28, 1787, Chapter 1280.

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## CHAPTER MCCLXI.

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AN ACT CONTAINING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACTS MADE FOR THE RELIEF OF INSOLVENT DEBTORS AND ALSO GRANTING RELIEF TO FELONS UNABLE TO MAKE RESTITUTION OF STOLEN GOODS.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas it is proper that the laws for the relief of insolvent debtors should be extended in order to make them correspond with the words and spirit of the twenty-eighth section of the constitution of this state:

And whereas the confinement of persons who have been convicted of crimes against the commonwealth until they make restitution for the goods stolen or pay the value thereof has been found oppressive to such convicts, and expensive to the state without answering the good purposes intended thereby:

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 from and after the passing of this act all and every person or persons who is, are, or shall be held in confinement by order or judgment of any court of this state, committing him, her or them until he, she or they restore to the owner or owners, any stolen goods, chattels or effects, or pay to the owner or owners the value thereof, or until he, she or