

same to be done and offer to comply with the [security], weekly payments and other requisites provided by the laws of this commonwealth for such purpose made and now in force except in case of a strong presumption of fraud committed by the insolvent person or persons applying and required by his, her or their creditor or creditors to be remanded.

[Section IV.] (Section VI. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the acts made for the relief of insolvent debtors as is hereby altered or supplied be and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed February 28, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 165, etc.

CHAPTER MCCLXII.

AN ACT TO EXONERATE THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, FROM A DEBT DUE TO THIS COMMONWEALTH UPON A LOAN MADE TO THEM IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital made application to the legislature of this state in the month of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, setting forth that the institution was largely in debt and the income insufficient for the common expenses of the house and praying such aid as might enable them to discharge the hospital debts, restore the capital stock and prosecute the laudable purposes of the institution, upon which application the house by their minute of the twenty-fifth day of March in the year aforesaid, did resolve that ten thousand pounds be lent to the Pennsylvania Hospital, which sum was accordingly paid to the said managers in bills of credit of this state or of the United States, being, according to the scale of depreciation since established equal in value to the sum of one hundred and sixty-six pounds, thirteen [shillings] and four pence, gold and silver money:

And whereas the managers of the said hospital have by several memorials to this and former houses represented that

from the nature of their first application, and the manner of granting the said relief they had always conceived it was intended as a gratuitous donation until they understood it was charged to them as a loan, and have prayed that as its capital stock continues in a reduced state and stands in need both of public and private support this house will be pleased to extinguish the said debt and release the contributors from the obligations to pay the same:

And whereas from the annual accounts exhibited by the said managers to this house not only the general utility but also the reduced state of the funds of that institution are sufficiently known to this house to warrant such donation.

[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 said sum of ten thousand pounds so as aforesaid lent and accommodated by virtue of the said resolve of the legislature of this state, dated the twenty-fifth day of March, in the year aforesaid, to the contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital, be, and the same is hereby declared to be a gratuitous donation of the good people of this state for the support of that laudable institution and the said contributors to the Pennsylvania Hospital and their successors are and by force of this act shall be released, acquitted, exonerated and forever discharged of and from the payment of the same and every part thereof.

Passed February 28, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 166, etc.

CHAPTER MCCLXIII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE MORE SPEEDY AND EFFECTUAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE."

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas doubts have arisen respecting the construction of the seventh section of the act, entitled "An act for the more speedy and effectual administration of justice:"¹

¹ Passed September 25, 1786, Chapter 1246.