

shall be construed to defeat or in any wise to annul or lessen the force and effect of any security, assumption or engagement entered into by any person or persons for the securing or paying to the state or county the taxes or moneys collected by the said Robert Beatty and Benjamin Moore or either of them or for their good behavior in their appointments or duties respectively, but the said securities, assumptions or engagements shall be as good, valid and effectual as if this act or any clause, matter or thing therein contained had not been made and enacted.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it [further] enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the said Robert Beatty and Benjamin Moore or either of them shall in the said courts of common pleas or elsewhere in applying for or obtaining the relief aforesaid be guilty of any wilfull concealment or other fraud or perjury and be convicted thereof, he or they so offending shall be liable to such punishments as the laws for the relief of insolvent debtors have directed in like cases.

Passed March 18, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 498.

CHAPTER MCD.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE SEVERAL ACTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESPECTING PUBLIC AUCTIONS AND AUCTIONEERS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas certain public auctions are by the laws of this commonwealth permitted and established for the sale of estates, real and personal within the city of Philadelphia, the township of the Northern Liberties and the district of Southwark under certain rules and regulations and all other persons than the auctioneers duly appointed and licensed in pursuance of the said laws (except as in and by the said laws are excepted) are prohibited from selling at public auction within the said city, township or district any estates real or personal under the pains and penalties in and by the said laws mentioned:

And whereas it is necessary to amend the said laws in such a manner as to prevent evasions thereof by unlicensed auctions being opened and held in the suburbs of the said city:

[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 it shall and may be lawful for the president or vice-president in council to appoint and license as often as occasion shall require one auctioneer for the sale of estates real and personal within the township of Moyamensing who shall continue for and during the will and pleasure of the said president and council and shall give bond to the president and his successors with two sufficient sureties in the sum of two thousand pounds for the faithful discharge of his duty and for well and truly performing the terms and payments in and by this act and the several acts of general assembly to which this a supplement directed and required and the said auctioneer who shall be appointed and licensed in pursuance of this act shall have the like powers and authorities within the said township of Moyamensing and be under the like rules, regulations, provisions and directions and subject to the like pains and penalties with any auctioneer for the city of Philadelphia, the township of the Northern Liberties or the district of Southwark:

And whereas by the operation of the present laws for regulating auctions and vendues sundry inhabitants residing within the distance therein prescribed are subjected to the payment of a tax from which the other citizens of the state are exempted:

For remedy whereof:

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act no duty shall be paid on the sale of any real estate nor on the sale of any household furniture or wearing apparel which has actually been in use nor on any ship or vessel the property of any subject or subjects of the United States or any of them:

And to the end and intent that the provisions herein contained may not prove ineffectual:

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) It is hereby further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every act and acts of general assembly of this commonwealth respecting any auction or auctions or auctioneer or person or persons using or exercising the business thereof within the said city of Philadelphia, the township of the Northern Liberties or the district of Southwark and all the rules, regulations, provisions and directions, pains and penalties in the said acts of general assembly or in any of them contained shall extend and they are hereby extended to all and every place and places within two miles of the state house in the said city of Philadelphia and to all persons who shall within the same distance therefrom offend against or not govern themselves conformably to the directions of this act or of the said acts of general assembly to which this is a supplement or any of them.

Passed March 19, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 478.

See the Note to and the Act of Assembly passed December 9, 1783, Chapter 1063 and the Acts of Assembly passed March 40, 1784, Chapter 1090; February 26, 1791, Chapter 1529.

CHAPTER MCDI.

AN ACT FOR COMPENSATING EVAN OWEN FOR SUPPLIES BY HIM FURNISHED THE CIVIL OFFICERS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the said Evan Owen by his petition to this house [hath] represented, That in consequence of the orders of John Penn, Esquire, late governor of Pennsylvania to enforce the execution of the laws in the county of Northumberland dated the twenty-fifth day of November one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, he furnished sundry supplies to the persons employed to execute the said orders amounting to the sum of twenty-five pounds two shillings and three-pence for which he never received any compensation and hath prayed this house to grant him relief in the premises: