

him to pay to Joseph Perkins, Abram Morrow and John Nicholson respectively the amount of their several accounts as the same have been or shall be settled and ascertained according to law, out of the fund for "claims and improvements" established by the act entitled "An act to appropriate divers funds accruing and growing due to this commonwealth towards the payment of the expenses of government and to provide a fund for other purposes,"¹ the said Joseph Perkins, Abram Morrow and John Nicholson re-delivering to be cancelled all warrants by them received hitherto on the account aforesaid previously to their receiving the new warrants hereby directed to be issued in their favor.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever and so soon as the fund established by the laws for the regulation of the militia, usually called the militia fund, shall become sufficiently productive to reimburse the payments to be made as aforesaid, a sum equivalent to the amount of the warrants to be issued in pursuance of the directions of this act shall be charged on the same and the fund for claims and improvements be credited therefor.

¹Passed March 26, 1789, Chapter 1404.

Passed September 29, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 13.

CHAPTER MCDLIX.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF ROBERT ROSS AND FRANCIS WHITE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it appears to this house that Francis White and Robert Ross, two prisoners now confined in the gaol of the county of Philadelphia have been severally adjudged bankrupts by the commissioners named in certain commissions of bankrupt issued against them severally, that the said commissioners having adjudged that the said Francis White had not by his answers made a full and fair disclosure of his estate and effects have for that cause committed him

to gaol, there to remain until he should make such full and fair disclosure, that the said Robert Rose not having in the opinion of the said commissioners made a full and fair disclosure of his estate and effects they have refused to grant him a certificate of his conformity as the law in such case provides, and he hath been since taken in execution by virtue of several writs of *capias ad satisfaciendum* at the suit of sundry creditors, and the said Francis and Robert have since, by their respective petitions, humbly sought the aid of the legislature in their behalf, representing that the existing laws for the relief of insolvent debtors do not extend to the particular circumstances of their cases, and it appears reasonable that some relief should be extended to them:

[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 said Francis White and Robert Ross respectively to present their petitions to the next supreme court to be held for this commonwealth or to any two justices of the said court (whereof the chief justice to be one) in vacation, praying that [the] commissioners named in the commissions of bankruptcy against them respectively issued and also the creditors of the said Robert and Francis respectively be warned to appear before the said court or the said two justices in vacation at a day to be by them appointed and show cause if any they have why the said Francis White and Robert Ross should not be discharged from their respective imprisonments. Whereupon it shall and may be lawful to and for the said court or the said justices thereof in vacation to issue such process and cause such proceedings to be had thereon as the nature of the case shall be by them found to require. And after a due examination of the proofs and allegations of the said petitioners and of the said commissioners and creditors or of such of them as shall attend to make such decree confirming the proceedings of the said commissioners in this behalf or reversing and annulling the same in whole or in part as to them shall appear consistent with law and justice.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if upon due examination the said court or two of the justices thereof in vacation shall adjudge that the said Francis White and Robert Ross or either of them have or hath conformed agreeably to the laws of this commonwealth touching bankrupts and the disclosure of their estate and effects, it shall be lawful for the said court or two justices thereof in vacation to adjudge and order that the like relief be afforded and extended to the said Robert Ross and Francis White or either of them and under the same regulations, exceptions and restrictions and upon the same terms and conditions as by the laws of this commonwealth is provided for bankrupts conforming agreeably to the laws of this commonwealth touching and concerning bankrupts and disclosure of their estate and effects.

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CHAPTER MCDLX.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR RAISING BY WAY OF LOTTERY THE SUM OF EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR DEFRAYING THE EXPENSE OF ERECTING A COMMON HALL IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA AND TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE USE OF DICKINSON COLLEGE IN THE BOROUGH OF CARLISLE."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the act entitled "An act for raising by way of lottery the sum of eight thousand dollars for defraying the expense of erecting a common hall in the city of Philadelphia and two thousand dollars for the use of Dickinson College in the borough of Carlisle," is not likely to answer the good ends thereby intended:

For remedy whereof:

[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 the managers of the said lot-

¹Passed March 27, 1789, Chapter 1419.