

CHAPTER MCDLXXII.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CUSTODY OF PRISONERS COMMITTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by a resolution of the senate and house of representatives of the United States in congress assembled it hath been recommended to the legislatures of the several states to pass laws making it expressly the duty of the keepers of their gaols to receive and safe keep therein all prisoners committed under the authority of the United States until they shall be discharged by the due course of the laws thereof under the like penalties as in the case of prisoners committed under the authority of such states respectively, the United States to pay for the use and keeping of such gaols at the rate of fifty cents per month for each prisoner that shall under their authority be committed thereto during the time such prisoners shall be therein confined and also to support such of said prisoners as shall be committed for offences:

And whereas it is just and reasonable to aid the United States herein on the terms aforesaid until other provision shall be made by law in the premises.

[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 all sheriffs, gaolers, prison-keepers and their and every of their deputies within this commonwealth to whom any person or persons shall be sent or committed by virtue of legal process issued by or under the authority of the United States shall be and they are hereby enjoined and required to receive such prisoners into custody and to keep the same safely until they shall be discharged by due course of law and that all such sheriffs, gaolers and prison-keepers and their deputies offending in the premises shall be liable to the same pains and penalties and the parties aggrieved shall be entitled to the same remedies against them or any

of them as if such prisoners had been committed to their custody by virtue of legal process issued under the authority of this state.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a calendar of such prisoners shall on the first day of January in every year be made out by the respective gaolers and prison-keepers in each county upon oath or affirmation to be administered by the president of the court of common pleas of the respective county specifying particularly the names of such prisoners the time of their commitment and discharge and whether upon civil or criminal process together with the expense of subsisting such of the said prisoners as shall have been committed for offences, which calendar shall be transmitted to the president and supreme executive council of this state to the end that order may be taken for the payment of the allowances and expenses on the part of the United States in and by the said resolution assumed.

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CHAPTER MCDLXXIII.

AN ACT TO SUSPEND FOR THE TIME THEREIN MENTIONED PART OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR FURNISHING THE QUOTA OF THIS STATE TOWARDS PAYING THE ANNUAL INTEREST OF THE DEBTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOR FUNDING AND PAYING THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC DEBTS OF THIS STATE." ¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in order to provide a sufficient fund for the immediate relief of the creditors of the United States of certain descriptions the sum of seventy-six thousand nine hundred and forty-five pounds seventeen shillings and six pence was by an act entitled, "An act for furnishing the quota of this state towards paying the annual interest of the debts of the United States and for funding and paying the interest of the public debts of this state," enacted the sixteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five directed to

¹ Passed March 16, 1785, Chapter 1137.