

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.

Passed December 5, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 43.

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.

be annually levied and raised upon the persons and property of the inhabitants of this state:

And whereas by an act entitled "An act to repeal so much of any act or acts of assembly of this state as directs the payment of the new loan debt or the interest thereof beyond the first day of April next and for other purposes therein mentioned,"² enacted the twenty-seventh day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine it was enacted that the interest upon the certificates issued by the comptroller-general of this state in pursuance of certain acts in the last mentioned act recited and commonly called new loan certificates should be paid up so as to complete the payment of interest to four years:

And whereas it appears to this house that the sum of three hundred and eleven thousand pounds and upwards is in arrear and unpaid on the account of the said annual tax and of other general taxes laid by the authority of this state since the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty and it is not only unjust to continue to impose the said tax annually upon those who have paid their respective contributions without collecting the arrearages from those who are deficient but contrary to the interests of the state to omit collecting debts which the length of time renders it more difficult to recover:

And whereas this house have it in contemplation to provide adequate measures for compelling the payment of such arrearages in a manner the least burdensome to the persons deficient whereby the state will be the better enabled to pay the proportion of interest on the said certificates in and by the act last mentioned assumed and equal justice in this respect will be administered to the people and it is therefore necessary to suspend for one year so much of the act hereinbefore mentioned as directs an assesment to be made in each county and in the city of Philadelphia on the first Tuesday of January annually.

[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 so much of the act entitled,

² Chapter 1415.

“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,”³ enacted the sixteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five as requires the commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia and of the other counties of this state respectively to issue their warrants as therein is directed and the assessors of or in the county of Philadelphia and of each respective county to make return of property as is therein directed or as requires an assessment or apportionment of the said tax to be made for the year ensuing in the city or any of the counties aforesaid shall be and is hereby suspended for one year from and after the first day of January next and no longer.

Passed December 8, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 44.

CHAPTER MCDLXXIV

AN ACT TO REPEAL SO MUCH OF AN ACT ENTITLED “ AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE LAND OFFICE AND TO ASCERTAIN AND PROVIDE THE SALARY FOR THE JUDGE OF THE ADMIRALTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED,”¹ AS RELATES TO THE SALARY OF THE JUDGE OF THE ADMIRALTY.

(Section I, P. L.) The district court of the district of Pennsylvania erected under the authority of the United States having exclusive jurisdiction of admiralty causes within this state it is inexpedient to continue a salary after the duties of the office have ceased:

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 so much of an act of assembly

³See Ante.

¹ Passed September 29, 1787, Chapter 1322.