

bers of the house of representatives first taken out by lot shall be seventeen, and that the select committee shall consist of nine members, and shall not be dissolved, unless reduced to less than seven members.

[Section IX.] (Section IX, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no petition complaining of an undue election or false return of any person elected governor, senator, or member of the house of representatives, shall be received, unless the same shall be presented within twenty days after the meeting of the legislature, and all such petitions, when received shall be read and laid upon the table without any question being thereupon taken, until the two houses jointly, or each house respectively, as the case may require, shall proceed upon it according to the directions of this act.

[Section X.] (Section X, P. L.) Whereas inconveniences may arise by the neglect of transmitting the returns of the election of governor, for one or more counties, until after the publication of such election by the legislature: Therefore: Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in all cases where such neglect of duty shall happen, and the returns of election aforesaid are not delivered to the speaker of the senate before the election of governor shall be published, every such return, so neglected to be delivered, shall be considered as void, unless the election aforesaid be contested, in which case such return shall be allowed to be of the same validity, and liable to the same exceptions, as other returns, duly delivered.

Passed Sept. 29, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 227, etc. See the Act of Assembly passed March 6, 1793, Chapter 1656.

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## CHAPTER MDLXXXVI.

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### AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF MARY HARRISON.

Whereas a suspension in the settlement of the claim of Mary Harrison against this state, respecting a certain bond due from Joseph Galloway, has arisen from a construction being at-

tached to the law, which it could not have been within the contemplation of the legislature to apply to this particular case; and whereas a longer delay in the liquidation of this demand would not only be highly prejudicial to the interests of this claimant, but opposed to the principles of distributive justice:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the comptroller-general and register-general be, and they are hereby empowered to receive and settle the account of Mary Harrison against the state, according to the plain and precise terms of the obligation given to the said Mary Harrison by Joseph Galloway, bearing date the eighth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy, calculating the rate of exchange, between the cities of London and Philadelphia, at the time of such settlement; and to issue a certificate bearing an interest of six per centum for the amount thereof, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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## CHAPTER MDLXXXVII.

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AN ACT TO EXONERATE ROBERT SMITH AND WILLIAM RICHARDS FROM THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN MONEYS, FOUND DUE TO THE COMMONWEALTH BY A JUDGMENT OF COURT, FROM THE SAID ROBERT SMITH AND WILLIAM RICHARDS, AND FROM ALEXANDER BOYD.

Whereas at the suit of the commonwealth a judgment hath been obtained against Robert Smith, William Richards and Alexander Boyd, in March term, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, in the court of common pleas for the city and county of Philadelphia, for the sum of three hundred and seventy pounds, four shillings and two pence, being a balance found due from the said Alexander Boyd, for duties by him received as auctioneer for the northern district of the city of