

CHAPTER MMCMXII.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF DILLAPLAIN RIDGWAY.

Whereas Dillaplain Ridgway of the city of Philadelphia, bricklayer, by his petition to the legislature has represented that on the seventeenth day of October last, he entered into a recognizance and became bound in a bond in the sum of sixty thousand dollars, together with William T. Donaldson and sixteen others as sureties for the said William T. Donaldson's faithful execution of the office of sheriff, for the city and county of Philadelphia, agreeably to the form prescribed by law, that the petitioner has for some years last past, been in the practice of purchasing lots and erecting thereon houses for sale; that he now has for sale several houses and lots, for which he is offered a fair price, and that his business renders it necessary to borrow money upon giving real security. That he was not aware of the legal consequences of his entering into the said recognizance, which prevents him from selling any of his real estate, or obtaining money upon loan to prosecute his trade, that if he is not released from the said bond and recognizance, his utter ruin must be the consequence, and he offers to substitute in his place sufficient security. And whereas the relief which the petitioner claims for the peculiar hardships of his case, may be afforded without injury to the interests of the commonwealth, or of any individuals: Therefore,

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it 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 it shall and may be lawful for the said Dillaplain Ridgway, to cause or procure a person to enter into a recognizance and become bound in a bond in which the recorder of deeds for the city and county of Philadelphia, is hereby required to take in the sum of sixty thousand dollars as surety for the faithful execution of the

official duties of William T. Donaldson, sheriff of said county: Provided, such person be previously approved of by the governor, and by the judges of the court of common pleas of Philadelphia county, or any two of them in the manner directed by the act entitled, "An act directing sheriffs and coroners to give sufficient sureties for the faithful execution of their official duties and for other purposes," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and three:⁽¹⁾ And upon the execution of the said bond and recognizance, the said Dillaplain Ridgway shall be released and discharged from his obligation aforesaid, and the lien created by the said recognizance so far as it affects the lands, tenements and hereditaments of the said Dillaplain Ridgway shall be divested and annulled: Provided always, nevertheless, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to impair or affect any right of action, which may have accrued to the commonwealth or any individual at the passing of this act, or which may accrue prior to the entering into of such new recognizance and bond, upon the said recognizance and bond, of the said Dillaplain Ridgway, but the same shall remain in full force for the purpose aforesaid, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

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Note (¹) Chapter 2366; 17 Statutes at Large, p. 377.

CHAPTER MMCMXIII.

AN ACT TO RAISE BY WAY OF LOTTERY, A SUM OF MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINISHING THE MEETING HOUSE IN WILKES BARRE, AND FOR PROTECTING THE BANK OF THE RIVER, OPPOSITE THE BOROUGH, FROM THE ENCROACHMENTS OF THE RIVER.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it 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 Ebenezer Bowman, Lord