

1779. Supreme Court shall be allowed their reasonable expenses, while they shall be employed in performing the *extra* services required to be performed by them by the act to which this is a supplement, or by this act, and their accounts for the same to be liquidated by the committee of accounts appointed by the General Assembly for the time being, and draughts for the same on the Treasurer of this state shall be signed by the Speaker of the said General Assembly.

Judges to be allowed reasonable expenses.

Judges salaries to be paid on their own order.

Repeal.

XIII. *And be it further enacted,* That the salaries allowed, or to be allowed to the Judges of the Supreme Court, shall from time to time be paid to them by the Treasurer of this state, on their own orders, by equal quarterly payments.

XIV. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the said recited act, to which this is a supplement, as is herein altered or amended, is hereby declared to be repealed, and of no further force or effect.

[* March]

Passed 29th April,* 1779.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 245. (1)

(1) The Trustees of the University held to be entitled to compensation for lands or ground rents reserved to them, or bought by their agents, in case of eviction, under the 9th section of this act. *Trustees, &c. v. Rempublicum*, April, 1795. Sup. Court, MSS. Reports.

CHAPTER DCCCXXIII.

An ACT for incorporating the Scots Presbyterian church in the city of Philadelphia.

Passed 31st March, 1779.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 252.

CHAPTER DCCCXXVI.

An ACT declaring replevins, attachments, judgments and executions, in certain cases, to be erroneous and void.

[See chap. 139, ante, pa. 44, and the notes there-to subjoined.]

WHEREAS divers writs of replevin have of late been granted and issued for goods and chattels taken in execution, and for fines and penalties legally incurred and due to this commonwealth, to the delay of public justice, and to the great vexation of the officers concerned in taking and levying the same:

Replevins issued for goods seized by any officer to be quashed

II. *Be it enacted and declared, and it is hereby enacted and declared,* That all writs of replevin granted or issued for any owner or owners of any goods or chattels, levied, seized, or taken in execution, or by distress, or otherwise, by any Sheriff, Naval Officer, Lieutenant or Sub-lieutenant of the city of Philadelphia or of any county, Constable, Collector of the public taxes, or other officer, acting in their several offices under the authority of the state, are irregular, erroneous and void; and that all such writs may and shall, at any time after the service, be quashed (upon motion) by the court to which they are returnable, the said court being ascertained of the truth of the fact, by affidavit, or otherwise.

and treble costs awarded.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That the court, besides quashing the said writs, may and shall award treble costs to the defendant or defendants in such writs; and also, according to their discretion, order an attachment against any Prothonotary or Clerk, who shall make out or grant any such writ, knowing the same to be for goods or chattels taken in execution, or seized as aforesaid.

IV. And whereas sundry judgments have been entered by virtue of warrants of attorney, and attachments and executions issued against persons attainted of treason, by virtue or in pursuance of the act of General Assembly, entitled *An Act for the attainder of divers traitors, if they render not themselves by a certain day, and for vesting their estates in this commonwealth; and for more effectually discovering the same; and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon*;* notwithstanding a summary, speedy and ample remedy is, by the said act, provided for the *bona fide* creditors of such traitors, to the great waste of the estates, accumulation of suits, and unnecessary costs, and to the preventing a proper enquiry into the justice of the claims and demands of such suitors. 1779.

V. *Be it enacted*, That every judgment entered by virtue of any warrant of attorney, and attachment or execution issued against any person attainted of treason by the act of Assembly aforesaid, or after the date of the proclamation of the Supreme Executive Council of this state against such traitor, or which shall hereafter be so entered or issued, are hereby declared to be void, and of no effect; and that no claims or demands of any creditor, or other person whomsoever, against any such traitors, may or shall be heard, allowed or determined, in any other manner than according to the directions of the act of Assembly aforesaid, and the supplement thereto, passed this present session of Assembly.

* Ante. chap. 773, pa. 449.

All judgments of warrants, attachments or executions, made void.

Passed 3d April, 1779.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 260.