

the authority of the same, That the commissioners of the county of Northumberland, or a majority of them, shall lay, assess and levy, in the same manner as county rates are usually laid, assessed and levied, such a sum of money as the trustees hereafter appointed, or a majority of them, shall judge necessary for the building and finishing a court-house in the town of Sunbury, in the aforesaid county of Northumberland, sufficient to accommodate the public service; provided the sum so to be laid and levied for the purposes aforesaid shall not exceed five thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That John Weitzel, Alexander Hunter and William Gray, of Sunbury, are hereby appointed trustees for the building and finishing the said court-house, and all money so to be raised as aforesaid shall be put into the hands of the said trustees for the purposes aforesaid, and they shall from time to time render a faithful account of the expenditures of the same, not only to the commissioners, but any other officers who may be appointed by lawful authority for the inspection of their accounts, when called on by either of them.

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CHAPTER MDCCXLVI.

AN ACT TO REVIVE AND CONTINUE, FOR A LIMITED TIME, THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS OF BANKRUPTCY TO PROCEED IN THE BUSINESS REMAINING UNFINISHED UNDER THE LATE BANKRUPT LAWS,"¹ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas by the third section of the act entitled "An act to authorize the commissioners of bankruptcy to proceed in the business remaining unfinished under the late bankrupt laws" it is enacted that in all cases where a final dividend has not been made or declared on the effects of any bankrupt, it shall and may be lawful for all persons having demands against such bankrupt

to prove the same before the commissioners at any time previous to the first day of January next, and upon such proof having been duly made, to have and receive a proportionate dividend of such bankrupts effects; provided that no dividend already made or declared shall be thereby in anywise affected. And whereas from unforeseen causes the term limited in the said section hath proved too short to afford that relief to creditors which was intended by the said recited act.

[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 the term limited in the said section of the above recited act shall be extended to the first day of January next, anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas by the fourth and fifth sections of an act[entitled "An act] for extending the benefits experienced from the institution of the Pennsylvania Hospital,"² sundry duties were enjoined upon and required of the commissioners of bankrupts, which from the before mentioned causes it was impracticable for them to perform.

[Section II.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the term limited in the fourth section of the said last recited act shall be extended to one year from and after the passing of this act, anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas the several duties enjoined by and required of the said commissioners in the act last recited are additional to and were not contemplated by any of the acts of bankruptcy under which the said commissioners have been qualified to act, and it is unjust and unreasonable that any person should be compelled to render services without his voluntary consent and an adequate reward for his time and trouble.

[Section III.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners of bankrupts from time to time to nominate and appoint a person capable of performing the duties and trust hereinafter mentioned, who shall be known by the appellation of the clerk of the

bankrupt office, to whose care and keeping shall be entrusted all the books, papers and documents relative to the affairs of bankrupts; and the said clerk of the bankrupt office shall proceed to make out and transcribe the accounts, which by the act hereinbefore recited were enjoined upon the said commissioners, for which services, to be performed by the said clerk and examined by the said commissioners, they shall be entitled unto and retain in their hands out of the moneys which by the said act they are enjoined to pay to the treasurer of the Pennsylvania Hospital, the sum of thirty dollars for each of the bankrupt's estates whereof the accounts shall be made out agreeably to the directions contained in the fourth section of the said act, which said sums shall be in lieu of, and in full satisfaction for, their trouble and attention in the premises, and to enable them to pay the said clerk for making out the several accounts agreeably to the directions of the said act.

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¹Passed March 22, 1793. Chapter 1663.

²Passed April 11, 1793, Chapter 1693.

CHAPTER MDCCXLVII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Whereas it appears to the legislature to be conducive to the interest of the state, as well in relation to the commerce as the agriculture thereof, to incorporate companies upon proper principles for the insurance of ships and merchandise at sea, and lending money upon bottomry and respondentia. And whereas sundry persons within this state have formed themselves voluntarily into a society for that purpose and have prayed to be incorporated by law. 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