

to assess, levy and collect, such taxes and assessments, from time to time, as to the major part of the said inhabitants, who are qualified to vote for burgesses, shall seem meet and proper, at town meetings especially called for that purpose, for the purposes of improving and better regulating the internal police of the said borough, provided that the said assessments be made in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as is prescribed by the said act, to which this is a supplement.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority [aforesaid], That the said burgesses and assistants shall cause all sums of money assessed, levied and raised, by virtue of this act, or by the act, to which this is a supplement, to be fairly entered in their book of minutes, with a statement of the expenditures of the same, for the inspection of the said inhabitants at their town meetings.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said burgesses, assistants, assessors and supervisors shall, on going out of office, pay over to their successors all moneys which they may have in their hands, raised by virtue of any assessment made in pursuance of this act, or the act, to which this is a supplement, under the penalty of one hundred and forty dollars lawful money of Pennsylvania, to be recovered in the same manner as other penalties are by the said act, to which this is a supplement, made recoverable.

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CHAPTER MDCCLVII.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF GRIZEL ROBINSON.

Whereas George Wall, late sub-lieutenant of Bucks county, obtained judgment, in the court of common pleas of that county, against Robert Robinson, late of the township of Bedminster, in the said county of Bucks, deceased, for divers sums of money

received to the use of this commonwealth by Peter Robinson, a collector of militia fines. And whereas the said Robert Robinson became liable therefor as surety for the said Peter, through the failure of the principal, whose default appears to have arisen from causes which it was impossible to foresee or prevent. And whereas the said Grizel Robinson, widow of the said Robert Robinson, having been reduced to great straits and involved in extraordinary afflictions, in consequence of said judgment, the late supreme executive council of the commonwealth, pursuant to a resolution of the general assembly, passed the twentieth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, caused stay of execution of the said judgment to be made during the natural life of the said widow, it appears to have been the intention of the general assembly, that a messuage and about seventy-five acres of land, situate in the said township of Bedminster, which had been condemned and advertised for sale, pursuant to said judgment, should be reserved and remain for the support of the said Grizel Robinson, but she, being subject to occasional lunacy, and said land being otherwise encumbered, it became necessary to sell the same, whereby she is now deprived of the means of subsistence, unless the state shall agree to a commutation of the favor already granted her, and to receive said debt in ready money, and grant her the interest thereof, instead of the contingency of receiving the whole at a distant day. And whereas it is reasonable that the commonwealth should soften the rigor of its demands against a suffering citizen, who has become its debtor, not by fault, but misfortune. Wherefore:

[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 if the said Grizel Robinson shall, on or before the first day of January next, pay to the said George Wall, his executors or administrators, the sum of one hundred and forty-six pounds, nineteen shillings and eight pence, being the original debt due to the commonwealth, that he be authorized and required to receive the same, and forthwith to pay the said moneys in the treasury.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at the expiration of one year next after the receipt of said money at the treasury as aforesaid, the treasurer of this commonwealth, for the time being, shall pay the said Grizel Robinson, or her assigns, the sum of eight pounds, sixteen shillings, and four pence half penny, being the amount of one years interest on the same, and the like sum of eight pounds, sixteen shillings and four pence half penny, at the expiration of every succeeding year, during the natural life of the said Grizel Robinson.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas a certain Thomas Price hath bought the same messuage and lot of land, subject to the said judgment, with the stay of execution aforesaid. Wherefore, to the intent that the favor intended by this act may extend to the said Grizel Robinson only.

[Section III.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said judgment shall remain a lien upon said messuage and lot of land, for the use and benefit of the said Grizel Robinson, her executors, administrators and assigns, and that the said George Wall, on payment to him of the sum of one hundred and forty-six pounds, nineteen shillings and eight pence, as aforesaid, shall legally transfer the said judgment to the said Grizel Robinson, her executors, and administrators and assigns, constituting her, and such other persons as she shall choose, and the survivor of them, his attorneys, and vested with his full powers to recover the whole sum, as well interest as principal, which is or shall become due in virtue of said judgment, to the use of the said Grizel Robinson, her executors, administrators and assigns, subject, nevertheless, to stay of execution, agreeably to the aforesaid resolution of the general assembly.

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