

before the court of quarter sessions, an abstract of his accounts, including the capital expended, and of the income and profits of the same; and if it shall appear at the end of the said triennial period that the profits shall have exceeded twenty per cent. on the capital, the toll shall be reduced so that the clear profits arising from the toll shall not exceed twenty per cent. on the capital expended therein.

Passed September 22, 1794. Recorded L. B. No. 5, p. 361.

CHAPTER MDCCLXXXII.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF PETER SHAFFNER, AN INSOLVENT DEBTOR CONFINED IN THE GAOL OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

Whereas Peter Shaffner, late a collector of taxes in the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, hath by his petition set forth that he is now confined in the gaol of the county of Lancaster, for the non-payment of moneys by him received in the collection of public taxes, which from a variety of misfortunes he is rendered unable to pay, and hath prayed that he may be discharged from his confinement. And whereas it appears to the legislature that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

[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 judges of the county court of common pleas in and for the county of Lancaster, be and they are hereby authorized and required, upon the petition of the said Peter Shaffner, to grant him like relief, with equal and like effect and upon like terms, as to his imprisonment, as is by the laws of this state given to insolvent debtors in cases of debts due and owing to private persons.

Provided always, That the discharge of the said Peter Shaffner shall not extend to exonerate the county of Lancaster from any

part of her quota of taxes or assessments due to this state, by reason of the default of the said Peter Shaffner, a collector as aforesaid.

Passed September 22, 1794. Recorded L. B. No. 5, p. 360 &c.

CHAPTER MDCCLXXXIII.

AN ACT TO ENABLE SUCH OF THE MILITIA OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AS MAY BE ON SERVICE AND ABSENT FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTIES TO VOTE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.¹

[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 such of the freemen of Pennsylvania as are by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth entitled to vote at general elections, and who shall be absent from their respective places of residence and in actual service on the fourteenth day of October next shall, nevertheless, be entitled to exercise their right of suffrage at such places as may be subscribed by their respective judges of election, appointed in the manner hereinafter mentioned, as fully as if they were present at their usual places of voting, anything in the act of general assembly passed the thirteenth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, entitled, "An act to regulate the general elections of this commonwealth and to prevent frauds therein,"¹ or the act passed the nineteenth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six,² to alter and amend the same, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Provided nevertheless, That no such election shall be held within a half mile of any of the ordinary places of voting.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the manner of voting at and conducting the said election shall, as far as the same is practicable, be as is prescribed by the general election laws of this