

1780. — Chapter 22.

[January Session, ch. 22.]

AN ACT FOR RECORDING AND PUBLISHING THE DOINGS OF THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE VALUE OF THE BILLS OF CREDIT CURRENT WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH. Chap. 22

Whereas it is necessary that a proper Record shall be made and kept of the Proceedings of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, relative to the Settlement of the Value of the Bills of Credit current or which may be current within this Commonwealth: Preamble.

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, shall from Time to Time make Returns of their Proceedings in the Settlement of the Value of the Bills of Credit current, or which may hereafter be current within this Commonwealth, into the Secretary's Office, instead of publishing the same: And the Secretary shall make a proper Record thereof, and shall cause the same to be immediately Published in the Boston and Worcester News Papers: any Law of this Commonwealth notwithstanding.

Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to make Return of their Proceedings in the Settlement of the Value of the Bills of Credit into the Secretary's Office, to make Record of the same.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Settlement of the Value of the Bills of Credit current as aforesaid, within this Commonwealth, shall be the Rule by which the Inhabitants of this Commonwealth shall govern themselves in all Payments whatsoever, until the same shall be otherwise settled and ordered by the said Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The Settlement of said Bills to be the Rule in all Payments.

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AN ACT FOR RETALIATING UPON THE ENEMY WHO ARE OR THAT MAY HEREAFTER BE CAPTIVATED AND BROUGHT INTO THIS COMMONWEALTH, THE UNWARRANTABLE TREATMENT EXERCISED, OR THAT MAY HEREAFTER BE EXERCISED BY THE BRITISH COMMANDERS TOWARD THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, WHOM THE FORTUNE OF WAR HAS OR MAY PUT INTO THEIR POWER. Chap. 23

Whereas the British Commanders now in America, regardless of the Practice of civilized Nations, and unmindful of the Tenderness exercised toward their People Preamble.