

CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT FOR REVIVING AND CONTINUING SUNDRY LAWS THAT ARE EXPIRED AND NEAR EXPIRING.

Acts revived for providing for the levying and collecting taxes, &c.: 1761-62, chap. 16.
 —for allowing necessary supplies to the eastern Indians, &c.: 1764-65, chap. 30.
 —for establishing the fees of the several officers: 1764-65, chap. 26.
 —for preventing frauds by the adulteration of potash, &c.; 1767-68, chap. 10.
 —relating to the removal of poor persons. 1766-67, chap. 17.

WHEREAS the several acts hereinafter mentioned, which are now expired [and] [*or*] near expiring, have been found useful and beneficial; viz^{ed}, one act made in the first year of his present majesty's reign, intituled "An Act providing for the levying and collecting of taxes in plantations that are not incorporated;" two acts made in the fifth year of the said reign; one, intituled "An Act for allowing necessary supplies to the eastern Indians, and for regulating trade with them and preventing abuses therein;" the other, intituled "An Act for establishing and regulating the fees of the several officers within this province;" two acts made in the seventh year of the said reign; one, intituled "An Act to prevent frauds by the adulteration of potash and pearlsh;" the other, intituled "An Act in addition to the several laws already made relating to the removal of poor persons out of the towns whereof they are not inhabitants," —

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Representatives,

That such of the before-mentioned acts as are expired, be revived, and such of said acts as are not yet expired, be continued, with all and every clause, matter and thing therein respectively contained, and shall be in force until the twelfth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy. [*Passed and published July 15.*]

CHAPTER 5.

AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE TREASURY WITH THE SUM OF EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT POUNDS, TO BE TIENCE ISSUED FOR DISCHARGING THE PUBLIC DEBTS, AND DRAWING THE SAME INTO THE TREASURY AGAIN.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary, in order to support the faith and credit of the government, that provision be made by the general court for discharging the debts that will become due in June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy; also to enable the treasurer to compleat the payments of the receipts or obligations by him given in behalf of the province, that will become due the present year, —

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and House of Representatives,

Treasurer impowered to borrow £88,150.

[SECT. 1.] That the treasurer of the province be, and he hereby is, impowered and directed to borrow, from such person or persons as shall be willing to lend the same, from time to time, as he shall have occasion for the money, a sum not exceeding eighty-eight thousand one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, in mill'd dollars at six shillings each, or in the several species of coined silver and gold enumerated in an act made and passed in the twenty-third year of his late majesty King George the Second, intituled "An Act for ascertaining the rates at which coined silver and gold, English halfpence and farthings, may pass within the government;" and the sum so borrowed shall be applied in manner as in this act is hereafter directed; and for the said sum, the treasurer shall give his receipt or obligation in the form following: —

1749-50, chap. 19.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay, the _____ day of _____, A. D. _____, Borrowed and received of _____, the sum of _____, for the use and service of the province of the Massachusetts Bay; and, in behalf of said province, I do hereby promise and oblige myself and successors in the office of treasurer, to repay the said _____ or to his order, the [twentieth] [20th] day of June, A. D. one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, the aforesaid sum of _____, in Spanish mill'd dollars at six shillings each, or in the several species of coined silver and gold enumerated in an act made and passed in the twenty-third year of his late majesty King George the Second, intitl[u]led "An Act for ascertaining the rates at which coined silver and gold, English halfpence and farthings, may pass within the government," and according to the rates therein mentioned, with interest, annually, at five per cent.

Witness my hand,

A. B., }
C. D., } Committee.
E. F., }

H. G., Treasurer.

—and no receipt shall be given for less than six pounds.

[SECT. 2.] And the treasurer, in issuing said receipts or obligations, and the committee chosen to countersign them, shall observe and be governed by the rules and directions given them by an act of this province, made in the second year of his present majesty's reign, intitl[u]led "An Act to supply the treasury with the sum of twenty-five thousand pounds." Regulation of the sum, and manner of issuing the notes. 1761-62, chap. 23.

And be it further enacted,

[SECT. 3.] That the sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of eighty-eight thousand one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, when received into the treasury, shall be issued in the manner and for the purposes following; that is to say, the sum of three thousand pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, shall be applied for the payment of the expences of the several forts and garrisons within this province; and the further sum of four hundred pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, shall be applied to the purchasing provisions and the commissary's disbursements for the several forts and garrisons within this province; and the further sum of six thousand pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, shall be applied for the payment of the grants made or to be made by this court; and the further sum of one thousand pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, shall be applied for the discharge of debts owing from this province to persons that have served and shall serve them, by order of this court, in such matters and things where there is no establishment nor any certain sum assigned them for that purpose, and for writing, printing and paper for this court, and repairs of the province-house, court-house, lighthouse, wood at Castle William, and repairs of fortifications within this province; and the further sum of two thousand five hundred pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, shall be applied for the payment of his majesty's council and the members of the house of representatives serving in the great and general court during the several sessions of the last and present year; and the further sum of one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, part of the aforesaid sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, shall be applied for the payment of the bounty upon wheat and flour; and the further sum of one hundred pounds, being the remainder of the aforesaid sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and Appropriations.

fifty-eight pounds, shall be applied to pay such contingent and unforeseen charges as may arise, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

And be it further enacted,

Treasurer to
payout of appro-
priation directed
by warrant.

[SECT. 4.] That the treasurer pay the aforesaid sum of thirteen thousand one hundred and fifty-eight pounds out of such appropriations as shall be directed by warrant, and no other.

And be it further enacted,

£75,000 for re-
demption of
government
securities.

[SECT. 5.] That the sum of seventy-five thousand pounds, being the remainder of the sum ordered to be borrowed by this act, when received into the treasury, be applied by the treasurer for the redemption of government securities that will become due the twentieth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy.

And in order to draw said money into the treasury again, and enable the treasurer effectually to discharge the receipts and obligations (with the interest that may be due thereon) by him given in pursuance of this act, —

Be it enacted,

Tax granted of
£92,500 to be
paid on or be-
fore 31st March,
1771.

[SECT. 6.] That there be and hereby is granted unto his most excellent majesty a tax of ninety-two thousand five hundred pounds, to be levied on polls, and estates both real and personal, within this province, according to such rules, and in such proportions on the several towns, districts, parishes and other places within this province, as shall be agreed on and ordered by the general court or assembly at their sessions in May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy, and to be paid into the public treasury on or before the thirty-first day of March, A. [nno] D. [omini] one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one.

And be it further enacted,

General court
to apportion the
sum in 1770, or
otherwise be
paid as in the
preceding tax
act.

[SECT. 7.] That if the general court, at their sessions in May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy, and sometime before the twentieth day of June in said year, shall not agree and conclude upon an act apportioning the sums which by this act are engaged to be paid in said year, apportioned, assessed, and levied, then and in such case each town, district, parish and other place within this province shall pay, by a tax to be levied on the polls, and estates both real and personal, within their limits, the same proportion of said sum as the said towns, districts, parishes and other places were taxed by the general court in the tax act then last prece[e]ding.

Treasurer em-
powered to issue
his warrants
accordingly.

[SECT. 8.] And the province treasurer is hereby fully [i][e]m- powered and directed, sometime in the month of June, in the same year, one thousand seven hundred and seventy, to issue and send forth his warrants, directed to the assessors or selectmen of each town and district within this province, requiring them to assess the polls, and estates both real and personal, within their several towns and districts, for their respective parts and proportions of the sums before directed and agreed to be assessed, to be paid into the treasury at or before the last mentioned time; and the assessors, as also persons assessed, shall observe, be governed by, and subject to, all such rules and directions as shall have been given in the then last prece[e]ding tax act. [*Passed and published July 15.*]