Parts in force, and which are not ſuperſeded or otherwiſe provided for by Law, are here tranſcribed at large; but as this Act is the Security for the Exemption of ſuch Perſons as have hired Subſtitutes for the Continental Service from Militia Duty, it may be ſeen at large in the Appendix, No. 1.

No Perſon enliſting to be impriſoned for a Debt under *Fifty Dollars*.

4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED *by the Authority aforeſaid*, That no Perſon who hath enliſted, or hereafter ſhall enliſt as a Soldier in the Continental Service, ſhall be impriſoned or otherwiſe reſtrained for any Debt under *Fifty Dollars*, any Law to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Officers ſelling Recruits, to forfeit *Fifty Pounds*.

7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED *by the Authority aforeſaid*, That if any recruiting Officer, belonging to any of the * four Battalions of this State, ſhall be convicted of ſelling or otherwiſe diſpoſing of any Recruit that has been enliſted by him, or any recruiting Party for his Company, ſaid Officer ſhall, for each Offence, forfeit the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, to be recovered in any Court where the ſame ſhall be cognizable, one Half to the Uſe of the Proſecutor, and the other Half to be paid to the Treaſurer for the Uſe of the State.

Expired—and ſupplied by Chap. CLXXVIII.

CHAP. XXX. † *An* Act *for regulating the Election of the Members of the Legiſlative-Council and Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, of the State of* New-Jerſey.

Paſſed June 4, 1777.

Limited to the ſecond *Tueſday* in *October* 1778, and thence to the End of the next Sitting thereafter; but continued by Chap. CXXI and CXLIV, to the End of the firſt Sitting of the fourth Seſſion.

Expired.

CHAP. XXXI. *An* Act *for rendering more effectual two certain Acts therein mentioned.*

Paſſed June 4, 1777.

The Acts herein referred to were the Treaſon Act, ſee Chap V—And the Act for appointing a Council of Safety, Chap. XXII. The Deſign of the Act was to alter ſome Parts of the Treaſon Act, and to inveſt the Governor and Council of Safety with further and more extenſive Powers—It was limited to the Continuance of Chap. XXII.

Repealed by Chap. LXXXIV. and now ſupplied by Chap. CCXLII.

CHAP. XXXII. *A ſupplemental* Act *to an Act, intitled,* ‡ *An Act for the better regulating the Militia.*

Paſſed June 5, 1777.

Obſolete.

CHAP. XXXIII. *An* Act *of free and general Pardon, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Paſſed June 5, 1777.

As this Act, though in other Reſpects obſolete, is ſtill the Security of thoſe Perſons who accepted of the Clemency offered by it, and is alſo available to the Commiſſioners of forfeited Eſtates, who may not yet have finally ſettled their Accounts, it is tranſcribed at large in the Appendix, No. 4.

CHAP.

* Theſe four Battalions were afterwards incorporated into three, and are now reduced to two, in Virtue of the Reſolutions of the Honourable the Congreſs of the United States, paſſed ſubſequent to this Act.

† See a Supplement to this Act, Chap. LVIII. See alſo Chap. CLXXVIII. CCXXXIX and CCCXXIV.

‡ Chap. XX.

Witneſs counting the ſame, ſhall be deemed and taken to be a legal Tender, provided that the Whole of ſuch Debt be ſo tendered: And it ſhall and may be lawful for the Perſon ſo tendering the Money as aforeſaid, to cauſe the Evidence or Evidences preſent at the Time of making ſuch Tender, to come before any one Juſtice of the Peace in the County, where ſuch Tender is made, or where ſuch Debtor may reſide, and make and ſubſcribe his or their Depoſition or Depoſitions on Oath or Affirmation in Writing, which Depoſition or Depoſitions ſhall be filed in the Clerk's Office of the County, where ſuch Debtor may reſide, and ſhall be deemed and taken as legal Evidence in any Court in this State, provided that ſuch Evidence or Evidences is or are dead at the Time his or their Teſtimony is required, or if ſuch Evidence or Evidences cannot, in the Judgment of the Court, reaſonably be obtained.

Counterfeiters, &c. how to be puniſhed.

3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED *by the Authority aforeſaid*, That all and every Perſon and Perſons, who, from and after the Publication hereof, ſhall counterfeit or alter any of the aforeſaid Bills of Credit by this Act made a Legal Tender, or utter or paſs any Bill or Bills ſo counterfeited or altered, knowing the ſame to be ſo counterfeited or altered as aforeſaid, and be duly convicted thereof, ſhall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and be puniſhed with Death in like Manner as Perſons convicted of counterfeiting or altering the former Bills of Credit of this State, and knowingly uttering the ſame might or ſhould have been.

## NUMBER IV.

*An* ACT *of free and general Pardon, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Paſſed June 5, 1777.

Preamble.

WHEREAS divers of the Subjects of this State have, by the Arts of ſubtile Emiſſaries from the Enemy, been ſeduced from their Allegiance, and prevailed upon by deluſive Promiſes to leave their Families and Friends and join the Army of the King of *Great-Britain*, and are ſince become ſenſible of their Error, and deſirous of returning to their Duty: AND WHEREAS many of the ſaid Fugitives, as well as divers others who have been guilty of treaſonable Practices againſt this State, ſecrete themſelves to eſcape the Puniſhment due to their reſpective Crimes: AND WHEREAS, in Compaſſion to their unhappy Situation, the Legiſlature of this State are deſirous that no Means ſhould be left uneſſayed to prevent the Effuſion of Blood, and to give thoſe an Opportunity of returning to their Allegiance who ſhall teſtify their Deſire to be reſtored to the ineſtimable Rights of Freemen, by complying with the Conditions herein after mentioned;

Offenders to qualify.

*Sect.* 1. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED *by the Council and General Aſſembly of this State, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the ſame*, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any ſuch Offender, as above deſcribed, on or before the firſt Day of *Auguſt* now next enſuing, voluntarily to appear before a Juſtice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, or Juſtice of the Peace within this

State, and take and ſubſcribe the Oaths or Affirmations following, *that is to ſay*,

Oath of Abjuration. I A B *do ſincerely profeſs and ſwear (or if one of the People called* Quakers, *affirm) that I do not hold myſelf bound to bear Allegiance to the King of* Great-Britain. *So help me God.*

Oath of Allegiance. I A B *do ſincerely profeſs and ſwear (or if one of the People called* Quakers, *affirm) that I do and will bear true Faith and Allegiance to the Government eſtabliſhed in this State, under the Authority of the People. So help me God.*

Which Oaths and Affirmations the ſaid Officers reſpectively are hereby enjoined and directed to adminiſter to all ſuch of the ſaid Offenders as ſhall ſo apply, and claim the Benefit of this Act; and to give to ſuch Deponent or Affirmant a Certificate thereof, in the Words or to the Effect following, *videlicet*,

Form of the Certificate. I C D *(one of the Juſtices,* &c. *as the Caſe may be) do hereby certify, that* A B, *being one of the Offenders deſcribed in an Act of the Legiſlature of* New-Jerſey, *made and paſſed the fifth Day of* June, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſeven, intitled,* An *Act* of free and general Pardon, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, *having voluntarily appeared before me and claimed the Benefit of the ſaid Act, hath this Day taken and ſubſcribed the Oaths (or Affirmations, as the Caſe may require) preſcribed in the ſaid Act. Given under my Hand and Seal the Day of* Anno Domini 1777.

C D (L. S.)

Which is to be recorded. Which Certificate ſuch Offender ſhall preſent to the Clerk of the County wherein he reſides, or in which he ſhall have taken the ſaid Oaths, to be recorded; and ſuch Clerk is hereby required and enjoined to record the ſame in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe, and to return it, with a Certificate of its being recorded thereon, endorſed to the Perſon who produced it, for which Service the ſaid Clerk ſhall be entitled to demand and receive the Sum of *Two Shillings*, and no more. And every ſuch Offender having ſo applied, taken the Oaths or Affirmations, and procured a Certificate as aforeſaid, ſhall be and is hereby declared to be fully, freely and abſolutely pardoned, releaſed and diſcharged, of and from all Treaſons and other Offences ſpecified in an Act of the Legiſlature of this State, made and paſſed at *Princeton* on the fourth Day of *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-ſix, intitled, * *An* Act *to puniſh Traitors and Diſaffected Perſons*, by him heretofore done or committed; and ſhall be thereupon reſtored to all the Rights, Liberties and Privileges of other the good Subjects of this State: And the ſaid Clerks are reſpectively hereby enjoined and required to tranſmit to the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being, on or before the twentieth Day of *Auguſt* next, a Liſt of the Certificates ſo as aforeſaid by them reſpectively recorded, ſpecifying the Names of the Officers who granted the ſame, the Dates, and the Names of the Perſons mentioned in the ſaid Certificates.

2. AND

* Chap. V.

2. AND WHEREAS ſome of the Offenders above deſcribed may, nevertheleſs, be ſo far loſt to every Senſe of Duty to their Country, their Families and Poſterity, as to decline accepting the Clemency hereby proffered, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED *by the Authority aforeſaid*, That all and ſingular the Perſonal Eſtate and Effects whatſoever of every the ſaid Offenders, who ſhall not, on or before the ſaid firſt Day of *Auguſt* next, voluntarily appear before ſome one of the Juſtices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, or Juſtices of the Peace in this State, and take the ſaid Oaths as herein before is directed, ſhall from thenceforth be and is hereby declared to be abſolutely forfeited to this State; and all Sales and Alienations thereof, and of all or any of the Real Eſtate of ſuch Offender, in the mean Time made by him, or any his Agents or Attornies, are hereby declared to be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Perſons neglecting to return, to forfeit their Perſonal Eſtates.

3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED *by the Authority aforeſaid*, That the Commiſſioners for the reſpective Counties herein after appointed, or any or either of them, ſhall and may, with all convenient Speed, after the Publication of this Act, make a true and perfect Inventory of all the Perſonal Eſtate and Effects of every ſuch Offender, and diſpoſe of all the periſhable Part thereof; and in caſe they ſhall apprehend any Danger of ſuch Perſonal Eſtate or Effects falling into the Hands of the Enemy, then to ſell and diſpoſe of the Whole thereof, and keep in their Hands the Monies ariſing from ſuch Sale for the Uſe of the Owner, who ſhall, ſo as aforeſaid, appear and take the ſaid Oaths on or before the ſaid firſt Day of *Auguſt* next, and the ſame to him to pay, deducting therefrom for their Trouble over and above all reaſonable Charges and Expences, at the Rate of *Five per Cent.* and if ſuch Owner ſhall not appear and take the ſaid Oaths as aforeſaid, within the Time aforeſaid, then ſuch Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners ſhall pay the ſame, deducting as aforeſaid, to the Treaſurer, for the Uſe of the State, whoſe Receipt for the ſame ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge.

Commiſſioners to make Inventories, &c.

4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED *by the Authority aforeſaid*, That, with Reſpect to ſuch Part of the Perſonal Eſtate and Effects ſo as aforeſaid inventoried, as is not in Danger of periſhing, and as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall not apprehend to be in Danger of falling into the Hands of the Enemy, the ſame ſhall, by the ſaid Commiſſioners reſpectively, be ſafely kept for the Uſe of the ſaid Owner, in caſe he ſhall appear and take the Benefit of the Pardon hereby offered; and ſuch Owner ſhall thereupon be reſtored to the Poſſeſſion of the ſame, he paying to ſuch Commiſſioner for his Trouble, over and above all reaſonable Charges and Expences, at the Rate of *Three per Cent.* but in caſe the ſaid Owner ſhall not appear and take the Benefit of the ſaid Pardon, then ſuch Perſonal Eſtate and Effects ſhall be, and are hereby declared to be forfeited to this State, and ſhall be diſpoſed of by ſome future Law of the Legiſlature, allowing to ſuch Commiſſioners who had the Care thereof, over and above his Charges and Expences, at the Rate of *Three per Cent.* and the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby directed and enjoined, with all convenient Speed, after the making ſuch Inventory or Sale as is before directed, to deliver on Oath to the Treaſurer, a true Copy of ſuch Inventory or Account of Sales.

Perſonal Eſtate not in Danger, may be kept for the Owner in caſe, &c.

5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED *by the Authority aforeſaid*, That the

Names of the Commiſſioners

the Perſons herein after named ſhall be, and they are hereby, for the Counties in which they reſpectively reſide, appointed Commiſſioners for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, *to wit*,

For the County of *Bergen*, *James Board*, *Hendrick Cuyper* and *Peter Fell.*

For the County of *Eſſex*, *Robert Clark*, *John Clawſon*, *Thomas Canfield*, *Samuel Hayes* and *Iſaac Dod.*

For the County of *Middleſex*, *Matthias Baker*, *Thomſon Stelle*, *John Lloyd* and *William Scudder.*

For the County of *Suſſex*, *Iſaac Martin*, *Samuel Meeker*, *William Hankinſon*, *Thomas Anderſon*, *John Barber* and *George Warne.*

For the County of *Somerſet*, *Enos Kelſey*, *Frederick Frelinghuyſen*, *James Linn*, *Jacob Bergen* and *Hendrick Wilſon.*

For the County of *Hunterdon*, *Jared Sexton*, *Joakim Griggs* and *Nehemiah Dunham.*

For the County of *Burlington*, *Samuel Rogers*, *Nathaniel Lewis* and *John Butler.*

For the County of *Glouceſter*, *John Sparks*, *Elijah Clark* and *Joſeph Hugg.*

For the County of *Salem*, *Thomas Sinnickſon*, *Thomas Sayre* and *William Garriſon.*

For the County of *Cumberland*, *Enos Seeley*, *William Kelſey* and *Derick Peterſon.*

For the County of *Cape-May*, *Henry Hand* and *Jonathan Jenkins.*

For the County of *Monmouth*, Colonel *Samuel Forman*, *Joſeph Lawrence*, *Kenneth Hankinſon* and *Jacob Wikoff.*

For the County of *Morris*, *David Thomſon*, *Alexander Carmichael* and *Aaron Kitchel.*

Commiſſioners refuſing, *&c.* others to be appointed.

6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED *by the Authority aforeſaid*, That if the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of them, ſhall refuſe, or be diſabled from performing the Duties enjoined on them by this Act, then the Governor and Council of Safety of this State ſhall be, and they are hereby authorized and required to appoint other proper Perſons in the Room of ſuch Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners; and the Perſon or Perſons ſo appointed ſhall be, and hereby are veſted with the ſame Powers and Authorities, and ſhall receive the ſame Compenſation, and be ſubject to the ſame Duties which by this Act are veſted in, allowed to, and enjoined upon the ſaid Commiſſioners hereby appointed.

## NUMBER V.

*An* ACT *to prevent the Subjects of this State from going into, or coming out of, the Enemy's Lines, without Permiſſions or Paſſports, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Paſſed Oct. 8, 1778.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many diſaffected Subjects of this State do keep up an Intercourſe and Communication with the Subjects or Troops of the King of *Great-Britain*, highly dangerous to the Publick Safety;

*Sect.* 1.