

LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA,

No. 328.

AN ACT

To vest in John Blight the title to certain property.

SECTION 1. *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 all the right, title and interest of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by escheat, in and the remedies for the recovery of the estate and effects of John Best, late a seaman in the navy of the United States, who died in Philadelphia, in November, eighteen hundred and forty-six, shall be and hereby is vested in John Blight, a gunner in the said service, his heirs and assigns, subject to the provisions of the intestate laws in relation to any debts due by the said decedent: Provided, That before the provisions of this act shall take effect, the said John Blight shall secure the payment, out of said estate when reduced to his possession, of all costs which may have been incurred by the commonwealth, including attorneys charges and all reasonable expenses of the informer, if any, in proceedings to escheat the said estate: And provided also, That this act shall not be construed to release the collateral inheritance tax.*

JAMES COOPER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 329.

AN ACT

Supplementary to the act to provide for the reduction of the public debt, passed April twenty-second, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

SECTION 1. *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 the third section of the act to provide for the reduction of the public debt, passed twenty-second April, eighteen hundred and forty-six,*

Tax on book accounts.

shall not be so construed as to impose a tax on the running or book accounts of merchants or others, for goods sold or work done.

JAMES COOPER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 330.

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act, entitled “An Act relative to lien creditors becoming purchasers at judicial sales, and for other purposes,” passed twentieth April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

SECTION 1. *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 so much of the sixth section of the said act, as relates to actions of trespass, quare clausum fregit, then pending, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the provisions of said section shall be held to apply only to such actions instituted, or to be instituted after the date of the passage of said act.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the act, entitled “A supplement to an act, passed July sixteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-two, entitled ‘An Act concerning the trust estate of Hugh Roberts, deceased, and for other purposes,’ passed the twenty-sixth day of February, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-five,” shall not be so construed to affect suits pending at the date of the passage thereof, that is to say, that the said act of the twenty-sixth of February, eighteen hundred and forty-five, shall not be so construed as to have a retrospective operation.

Fines and forfeitures, construction of acts of 26 Feb'y, 1845.

SECTION 3. *Whereas,* By the thirty-sixth section of the act, entitled “An Act relating to executions,” passed the sixteenth day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, it is made the duty of the officer charged with the execution of a writ to attach debts in the hands of a garnishee, to serve a copy of said writ upon the defendant; against whom the proceeding is had: *And whereas,* The supreme court decided, that without the said service being made upon the original defendant, the attachment was invalid and of no effect: *And whereas,* The general assembly of this commonwealth, by an act passed the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, declared that said proceedings in attachments should be valid without said service in certain cases: *And whereas,* Said last mentioned act may operate great injustice in cases where persons relying upon the law, as it stood before the passage of said act, have paid the moneys due to the

Preamble.