

LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA,

SECTION 2. That the State Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and required to pay to Catharine M'Intyre, of Westmoreland county, the widow of John M'Intyre, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, a gratuity of forty dollars, and an annuity of forty dollars annually during the term of her natural life, payable half yearly, commencing on the first day of July next, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No 323.

AN ACT

Relative to Land Patents in this Commonwealth.

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 act of March eleventh, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, being the fourth section of said act, as declares that all patents granted by the Commonwealth, do pass and vest the entire estate of the Commonwealth to and in the patentees, free and clear of all liens, incumbrances and claims of the Commonwealth whatsoever, prior to the date of the respective patents, except for arrearages of purchase money, shall not be taken or construed to interfere with the rights of actual settlers, or to extend to lands that may have been escheated to the Commonwealth: and it is hereby declared, that the pre-emption right of actual settlers under existing laws of this Commonwealth, or under any law or laws that may have been repealed by the said fourth section herein referred to, shall in no wise be impaired in any suit of law now pending, or hereafter to be instituted by patentees on patents issued since the passage of the said fourth section.*

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