

tablished as such by the present general assembly, and that therefore they ought not to be hereafter withdrawn, withheld or lessened on any pretence whatsoever.

[Section IV.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the support of government and the administration of justice,"<sup>1</sup> passed on the twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one by which salaries to continue for the space of one year and until the same should be afterwards altered by the legislature were allowed to the justices of the supreme court, as far as the said act relates to the justices of the supreme court, but no farther, shall be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

Passed March 25, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 479, etc.

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## CHAPTER MCXLIII.

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### AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEERS AND EIGHTEEN MONTHS' MEN.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the honorable the continental congress did on the thirteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one recommend to the several states to discharge the pay of their respective new levies on account of the United States:

Wherefore, in order to comply with the recommendation aforesaid so far as the same respects this state and in order that justice may be done to those brave men who served agreeably to their engagements:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the men who have been furnished

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<sup>1</sup> Passed December 27, 1781, Chapter 959.

agreeably to the act of assembly passed the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, commonly called the Pennsylvania volunteers, or seven months men, and those who have been raised agreeably to the act of assembly passed the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, commonly called the eighteen months men, who have served out the term of their enlistments or were honorably discharged and have not been finally settled with, together with the officers who may have been appointed to command any of them and who have not been finally settled with, shall be and are hereby entitled to receive from this state their pay at the same rate for the whole length of their services as is fixed by act of congress of the twelfth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty. And the comptroller-general is hereby authorized and directed to settle their accounts accordingly and to grant them certificates respectively agreeable to the act of assembly passed the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four.

Passed March 25, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 470.

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#### CHAPTER MCXLIV.

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AN ACT GRANTING TO JAMES RUMSEY AN EXCLUSIVE RIGHT FOR A CERTAIN TERM OF YEARS TO NAVIGATE AND BUILD BOATS CALCULATED TO WORK WITH GREATER EASE AND FACILITY AGAINST RAPID RIVERS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas James Rumsey hath represented to this house by his petition that he hath discovered a more easy and expeditious way of navigating large and heavy loaden boats against the streams of rapid rivers, with a much smaller number of hands than the present way of working requires, and that the discovery will render the inland navigation of this commonwealth more expeditious and much less expensive than at present and hath therefore prayed the sole and exclusive right of constructing, navigation and employing boats, built