

performed, such officer, for such offense, shall, on conviction thereof before any court of record for the proper county, forfeit and pay to the party injured fifty dollars.

[Section V.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any person to refuse payment of fees to any officer, who will not make out a bill of particulars, signed by him, if required, and also a receipt or discharge, signed by him, of the fees paid.

[Section VI.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the first day of October next, the several laws of this commonwealth for regulating and establishing fees shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed..

Passed April 20, 1795. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 9, etc.
Supplement passed March 16, 1798, Chapter 1978. See Act of
April 8, 1799, Chapter 2064, as to fees in Surveyor General's office.

CHAPTER MDCCCLXIV.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLERKS IN THE OFFICES OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL, RECEIVER GENERAL, AND SECRETARY OF THE LAND OFFICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) 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 following annual allowance shall be made to the public officers hereafter mentioned, for the purpose of employing clerks in their respective offices, to wit: To the surveyor general, the sum of twenty hundred dollars; to the secretary of the land office, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars; to the receiver general of the land office, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars; which sums of money shall be accounted for by the respective officers aforesaid, on the first day of January annually, with the comptroller general and register general;

and if any part of either of the said sums should not be expended in employing clerks, the same shall be paid into the treasury of the state.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That besides the allowances made by the preceding section of this act, the governor is hereby vested with a discretionary power, on application of either of the officers before mentioned, to authorize the employment of additional clerks, whenever the business of the said offices requires it. Provided, That the expense does not exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars in any one year.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act, it shall be the duty of the surveyor general to cause to be entered, in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name of each person applying for a patent or patents, the number of patents applied for by him, and the time when such application is made; which book shall be open to the inspection of any person applying to view the same; and the surveyor general, receiver general and secretary of the land office are hereby enjoined to cause the said patents to be made out, and the business thereof completed, as it respects their respective offices, agreeably to the priority of applications for the same, without respect to persons, unless the issuing of such patents stayed by caveat being entered against the title of the person applying for the same, or other legal objections. Provided always, That if any citizen of this commonwealth, who shall reside at any distance not less than one hundred miles from the city of Philadelphia, shall apply for any number of patents not exceeding three, he shall be entitled to a preference, but that preference shall not be granted twice to the same person.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person, employed as a clerk in either of the offices aforesaid, shall take or receive any fee, gratuity or sum of money whatever, for doing or transacting any business relating to the said office, whether in either of the said offices, or any other place, such person shall, on conviction, forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars for every such

offense, to be recovered by action of debt, one-half of which shall be for the benefit of the informer, and the remainder to the use of this commonwealth; and the person so offending shall not be permitted to serve as a clerk in either of the offices aforesaid.

[Section V.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of any former law or laws, as appropriates money for the purpose of employing clerks in either of the offices aforesaid, shall be void, and also so much of any other law as is altered or amended by this act.

[Section VI.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the second section in this act shall continue in force one year from and after the passing of the same, and no longer.

Passed April 20, 1795. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 24, etc.

CHAPTER MDCCCLXV.

AN ACT TO COLLECT REVENUE FROM THE ROLLS OFFICE, FOR THE FURTHER SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT.

Whereas it appears that the fees receivable in the office of the master of the rolls have, from the great number of patents which are by law directed to be recorded therein, increased beyond what is deemed a full compensation for the services performed in the said office. Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) 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 from and after the passing of this act, the master of the rolls shall, and he is hereby directed to pay fifty cents into the state treasurer, for each and every patent he shall record in his office, over and above one thousand patents in each and every year.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the master of the rolls shall,