

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,

and he is hereby required to render yearly to the comptroller general a just account of all the patents recorded in his office during such period, which account shall be examined, and if approved by him, the amount due from the said master of the rolls shall be recovered as other debts due to this commonwealth.

Passed April 20, 1795. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 35.

CHAPTER MDCCCLXVI.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF JOHN NICHOLSON, LATE COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

Whereas it is expedient that means should be immediately taken for bringing to a final settlement the books and accounts of John Nicholson, late comptroller general of this commonwealth:

[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 comptroller general, for the time being, be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to engage two able and skilful accountants, to be entirely employed in adjusting and liquidating, under his immediate direction, the books and accounts of the said John Nicholson, late comptroller general, and when and so often as said accounts, or such parts thereof as stand unconnected with and independent of other parts, have passed the inspection, and received the approbation of the said comptroller general, for the time being, he shall transmit them to the register general, to be proceeded upon by him in the same manner as directed in the case of other accounts.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the comptroller general and register general shall, in the first week of the general assembly, make a separate report to each house, of the progress they have made in the settlement of the accounts of the said John Nichol-