

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-

son, late comptroller general, and if any difficulties arise in performing the duties required by this act, they shall, at the same time, make report to each house of such difficulties, that legislative measures may be taken to remove them.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the comptroller general shall receive a sum not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars, and the register general a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the purpose of employing additional clerks in their respective offices, to perform the duties required by this act.

Passed April 20, 1795. Recorded L. B. No. 5, p. 487.

CHAPTER MDCCCLXVII.

AN ACT TO AFFORD FURTHER RELIEF TO CERTAIN DISTRESSED FRENCH EMIGRANTS.

Whereas the calamities of war and intestine commotion have compelled numbers of the French inhabitants of the West India islands to abandon their estates and dwellings, and to take refuge in the United States, unprovided with the necessary means of subsistence, and the legislature of this commonwealth has heretofore granted relief to those who had arrived in Pennsylvania, many of whom yet remain here in a state of undiminished distress.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the governor of this commonwealth, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw one or more warrants on the state treasurer, for any sum or sums not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars in the whole, in favor of Godfrey Haga, Edward Pennington, Robert Ralston, Samuel P. Griffiths, Joseph Lownes, Samuel Mecklin, and Joseph Sansom,