

CHAPTER MMCIV.

ACT TO COMPENSATE THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JOHN RANKIN, LATE OF YORK COUNTY, DECEASED.

Whereas John Rankin, late of York county, deceased, did, in October one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, purchase at public sale, from the agents for confiscated estates for the county of York, a certain tract of land situate in Newbury township and county aforesaid, forfeited by James Rankin, for which land Elizabeth Rankin, widow of the said John Rankin, obtained from this commonwealth a deed of conveyance, made to her as sole executrix named in the last will of the said deceased. And whereas, in order to gain legal possession of the aforesaid premises, the said Elizabeth brought a writ of ejectment against Samuel Brady then in possession of the premises, and claiming the same under a title paramount to the aforesaid deed, in the court of common pleas for the county of York, claiming under the aforesaid deed, and the same cause being at issue, was tried before the said court in September term, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and verdict given and judgment rendered for the said Samuel Brady against the said Elizabeth Rankin, thereby deciding that she had not a good title to the premises under the aforesaid deed. In order, therefore, to indemnify the heirs and devisees of the said John Rankin:

[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 governor be, and he is hereby, empowered to issue his warrant on the treasurer of this state, for the payment of three hundred and ten dollars to Elizabeth Rankin, executrix of the last will and testament of John Rankin, late of York county, deceased, which sum the said treasurer

is hereby required to pay out of the fund appropriated for the support of government; and the said sum having been paid to and accepted by the said Elizabeth Rankin, executrix as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken as a full satisfaction and compensation for all costs and damages which the said Elizabeth Rankin, and the heirs and devisees of the said John Rankin, or either of them, may have sustained through the defect and invalidity of the deed of conveyance made by this commonwealth to the said Elizabeth Rankin, for a tract of land situate in York county aforesaid, and particularly ascertained and described in the aforesaid deed.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of three hundred and ten dollars, so having been paid to the said Elizabeth Rankin, shall be deemed and taken, and it is declared to be to the use of the said Elizabeth Rankin, and the heirs and devisees of the said John Rankin; and the said Elizabeth Rankin shall be accountable to the persons respectively who had, or have, any right or claim under the last will and testament of the said John Rankin to the said land, for his, her or their proportional part or portion of the said sum of three hundred and ten dollars, agreeably to such right.

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CHAPTER MMCV.

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE A SUM OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE FUNERAL EXPENSES OF THE LATE MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS MIFFLIN.

Whereas the legislature did on the twentieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred, resolve that the remains of the late Major General Thomas Mifflin be interred at the sole expense of this commonwealth, conceiving it due to his memory, and thereby manifesting their sense of his numerous and many important services. Therefore: