

CHAPTER MMCCCLXI.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF DOCTOR ROBERT JOHNSON.

Whereas by the act passed twenty-fourth March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five,⁽¹⁾ section fourth, all officers or soldiers of the Pennsylvania regiments or of independent corps, acknowledged by this state as the quota of Pennsylvania in the federal army, and officers being citizens of this state at the time of their entering into the service, not attached to the line of any state, who served therein until the end of the late war with Great Britain, and all officers as aforesaid who have been deranged by the regulations and arrangements of the army, &c. shall be entitled to land according to the pay and rank they last held, before they left the said service in the proportions laid down in the resolution appropriating donation lands: And whereas Robert Johnson alleges that he was regimental surgeon to the sixth regiment of the Pennsylvania line, from the commencement of the war, and continued in that service and as physician until the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, when in obedience to the orders of General Greene, the commander in chief, he was obliged to leave the regimental service in order to assist the wounded officers and soldiers of the American army, then prisoners in the British hospital in Charleston: And whereas it appears that Robert Johnson did not, nor could not forfeit any right or emolument to which he was otherwise entitled, by yielding obedience to the commander in chief in such emergency, and that he continued in actual service till the end of the war with Great Britain: 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 the board of property be, and they hereby are authorized and required to examine the claims of Robert Johnson, formerly surgeon in the Pennsylvania line, and if the facts set forth in his petition appear to

be well founded to the satisfaction of the board, they are hereby authorized to grant him a patent for land as a surgeon in the Pennsylvania line, any thing in the act for the distribution of the donation land passed twenty-fourth March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Note (4) Chapter 1139; 11 Statutes at Large, p. 494.

CHAPTER MMCCCLXII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO EMPOWER AND DIRECT ANN M'FARREN, JOHN AGNEW AND WILLIAM M'CLEAN, ADMINISTRATORS OF ALL AND SINGULAR THE GOODS AND CHATTELS, RIGHTS AND CREDITS, WHICH WERE OF THE ESTATE OF AMOS M'GINLEY DECEASED, TO CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS IN HAMILTON'S BANN AND CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIPS, IN YORK COUNTY, TO SUNDRY PERSONS (FOR) WHOM THE SAID AMOS M'GINLEY WAS A TRUSTEE, AND TO VEST THE SAME IN GRANTEEES." (4)

Whereas by an act passed the twenty-first day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six,⁽¹⁾ Ann M'Farren, John Agnew and William M'Clean were authorized and empowered, (on certain conditions) to convey by deeds, in fee to David Blyth, Moses M'Clean, William Waugh, James Brice, John M'Ginley and James Stephenson respectively, certain lots of ground therein described, but by reason of the death of some of the grantees before the deeds were executed, and there being no provision in the said act, authorizing the administrators aforesaid, to convey to the heirs or assigns of the grantees, they have prayed the legislature to grant relief by extending the powers of the said administrators so as they may be enabled to make and execute deeds to the heirs and assigns of the aforesaid grantees: 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 the powers and authorities vested in Ann M'Farren, John Agnew and William M'Clean, to