

CHAPTER C.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT to the Act, entitled, " An Act for offering Compensation to the Pennsylvania Claimants of certain Lands within the seventeen Townships in the County of Luzerne, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."

Section 1. **B**E 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, such Connecticut settlers of the fifteen townships in the county of Luzerne, claiming lands under the act of the fourth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, entitled, " An act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants of certain lands in the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned," as are or may be entitled to receive patents for the same, who may desire such lands to remain as a security for the payment of the purchase-money to the Commonwealth, without incurring the expence of mortgaging, he, she or they requesting this to be done, by a writing, under their hands and seals, transmitted to the secretary of the land-office, the said secretary thereupon shall issue to the said Connecticut settlers, patent or patents for his, her or their respective lands, and on the same patent or patents certify the amount of the purchase-money for the land therein described, and the periods in which the same shall become due, which sum or sums so certified shall be and remain

Proviso in favour of certain Connecticut settlers.

Secretary of the land office authorized to issue patents to such settlers, certifying on said patents, the amount of the purchase-

main a lien on said land in the nature of a mortgage, until the money shall have been paid; any law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

money due,
&c. which
shall be alien
on said lands.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the certificate in the aforesaid patent or patents of the purchase-money, for the land in such patent or patents mentioned, as also the description of boundaries, shall be entered on record by the recorder of the proper county, in a book by him for that purpose to be procured, at the usual fees for the like number of words, which when done shall be constructive notice to all who may be concerned:

Such certificates to be entered on record by the recorder of the proper county.

Provided nevertheless, That should not the record, so as aforesaid directed, be made within six months from the date of such patent or patents, the same patent or patents shall be void and of no validity or effect whatever.

Proviso in case the record aforesaid be not made within six months of the date of the patent.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That such record as aforesaid, in the proper county, shall be as good evidence of the purchase-money due to the Commonwealth, and upon which to bring a suit for the recovery of the same, as if it had been secured by mortgage in proper form and recorded at large.

Such record to be considered as tantamount to a mortgage.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the recorder of deeds in and for Luzerne county, to receive certain books and documents commonly called the "Westmoreland records," and keep the same in his office; and on application and payment of the usual fees, shall make out and deliver copies therefrom, under seal of office, and when and so often as he thereto shall be

Certain duties enjoined on the recorder of Luzerne county.

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be requested, which copies so made out and delivered shall be as good evidence in law as the original might or could be.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN STEELE, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.