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and paid to the trustees, partly on commissioners or assessors refusing or neglecting to raise the deficient sums.

assessors are hereby enjoined and required to do; and the said deficiencies, when so levied, shall be paid to the said trustees, in order to replace the monies so deficient.

SECT. XXII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the said commissioners and assessors shall, upon receipt of such precept, refuse or neglect, with all convenient speed, to cause to be assessed, raised and levied, all such deficiencies as are mentioned in the said precept, in the manner herein before directed, every such commissioner and assessor, so refusing or neglecting, being thereof legally convicted, shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds for every such refusal or neglect.

SECT. XXIV. And the better to prevent inconveniences, arising from indulging the mortgagors to be behind in their payments hereby directed to be made, *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the trustees for the time being shall, and they are hereby required to keep the mortgagors aforesaid up to their annual payments, as by this act is directed and appointed; and the committees of Assembly, to be annually appointed to audit the said trustees' accounts, are hereby directed not to allow of any quotas in arrear and unpaid, which have been due twelve months at the time of the settlement, but to consider and report the same as monies in the hands of the said trustees, for which the said trustees shall be accountable, excepting only such sums, for which the trustees have commenced suits, or otherwise have proceeded, according to the direction of this act, for the recovery of the money due.

SECT. XXV. Vacancies in the office of trustees, how to be supplied.

SECT. XXVI. Trustees to continue no longer than three years in service.

SECT. XXVII. A clerk to be appointed; his duty and fees; and oath to be taken by him prescribed.]

Passed 4th April, 1785.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. page 503.

## CHAPTER MCLII.

*A further SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An act for acknowledging and recording of deeds."*

SECT. I. WHEREAS by a supplement to the act, entitled "An Act for acknowledging and recording of deeds," passed the eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five;\* it was enacted, That all deeds and conveyances, which, from and after the publication thereof, should be made and executed within the then province, now state, of and concerning any lands, tenements and hereditaments, in this state, or whereby the same might be any way affected in law or equity, should be acknowledged by one of the grantors or bargainors, or proved by one or more of the subscribing witnesses to such deeds, before one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, or before one of the Justices of the court of Common Pleas of the county where the lands conveyed lie: And whereas it frequently happens that the said Judges

[See vol. 1, chap. 208, pa. 94, and the notes thereto subjoined.]  
[\* Vol. 1, chap. 734, pa. 422.]

Mortgagors to be kept punctual, or the trustees charged with the arrearages.

of the Supreme Court are all necessarily absent at the same time from the city of Philadelphia, attending the public business at the respective Circuit and Nisi Prius courts of this state, and it may be necessary, for the convenience of the people, that many deeds and conveyances of land, lying in the remote counties of this state, should be acknowledged or proved in the city or county of Philadelphia, during such absence of the said Judges: 1785.

SECT. II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That all acknowledgments and probates of deeds and conveyances, of and concerning any lands, tenements or hereditaments, lying within any part of this state, made and done before the President of the court of Common Pleas for the county of Philadelphia, or the President of the court of Common Pleas in any other county within this state, shall be as effectual and available in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if the same were done before one of the Judges of the said Supreme Court, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

The presidents of the courts of Common Pleas authorized to take acknowledgments, &c.

Passed 8th April, 1785.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. page 524.

## CHAPTER MCLIII.

*An ACT to provide further regulations, whereby to secure fair and equal proceedings in the Land-Office, and in the surveying of lands.*

SECT. I. **WHEREAS** the time for opening the Land-Office of this state, for the lands contained within the purchase lately made by the commonwealth of the Indian natives, of all the residue of waste lands, within the charter bounds of Pennsylvania, as the same have been adjusted between this state and the state of Virginia, is fixed to be from and after the first day of May next, when it is probable that numerous applications will be made to the said Land-Office at the same time, for lands within the bounds of the said late purchase, and the officers of the Land-Office must necessarily be obliged to give preference to some persons, before others whose applications may be made equally early, and thereby great dissatisfaction must arise unless some provision be made by law to regulate the same: For remedy whereof,

[See chap. 1083, ante, page 108 and the notes thereto subjoined.

SECT. II. *Be it enacted, by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That from and after the time assigned for opening the said Land-Office, as aforesaid, until the end of the tenth day thereafter, being the eleventh day of the month, the Secretary of the Land-Office, upon the whole of the purchase money being deposited in the hands of the Receiver-General of the Land-Office, and not otherwise, and upon acquittance for the same being shown to the said Secretary, he shall receive and file all applications made to him for lands within the

Applications for the purchase of lands, when to be made, how to be received, and proceeded on by lottery, in order to establish a priority.