

1799. of as limits the continuance of the said recited act, be, and the same hereby are, made perpetual.

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CHAPTER MMXLI.

(Ante. pa. 312 chap. 1963.)

An ACT to vest in the President, Directors and Company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, the right and title of this commonwealth to the lot or piece of ground therein mentioned.

SECT. 1. [Grant of a lot of ground for erecting a permanent bridge over Schuylkill. 2. Proceedings in case any title or claim is set up for the said lot.]

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CHAPTER MMXLII.

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.

Commissioners appointed to ascertain the quality, quantity and situation of lands in the Seventeen Townships in Luzerne county, held by Pennsylvania Claimants before the decree of Trenton.

The lands to be divided into four classes, and valued.

Provide, that the Commissioners shall not proceed, till 40,000 acres are ceded to the State by Pennsylvania Claimants, and till Connecticut Claimants to that amount have agreed to abide by the decision

SECT. 1. 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 Isaac Whelen, of Chester county, Thomas Boude, of Lancaster county, and General William Irvine, of Cumberland county, be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners, whose duty it shall be carefully to examine and ascertain the quantity, quality and situation of all lands, lying within what have been commonly called and known by the name of the Seventeen Townships in the county of Luzerne, held or claimed under a Pennsylvania title, under a patent, or a location or warrant, before the decree of Trenton, by which the right of jurisdiction was declared to be in Pennsylvania, on which a survey has been executed, and returned agreeably to law, and to divide the same, according to their value, into four classes, distinguished by the name of the first, second, third and fourth class, the first class to contain the lands of the greatest value, and the second, third and fourth classes those of inferior value, preserving a due proportion between each, and shall adjudge what sum per acre each Pennsylvania Claimant shall receive, not exceeding the rates hereinafter mentioned: *Provided always*, That nothing herein contained shall authorize the said Commissioners to proceed to the performance of the duties enjoined upon them by this act, until persons claiming land to the extent of forty thousand acres, under grants made by Pennsylvania, shall have conveyed and released the same to the State, by deeds, duly executed, and filed in the Land-Office, for the purpose and for the considerations expressed in this act, and until persons commonly called Connecticut Settlers, claiming land to the extent aforesaid, shall have signified in writing, under their hands and seals, duly executed in the presence of two