

1802. to the Governor of this commonwealth, previous to the meeting of the next Legislature.

The Secretary of the Land-Office not to grant a new warrant for lands for which warrants have already been issued; what he is to do in such cases.

SECT. IV. And in order to prevent the confusion that would arise from issuing different warrants for the same land, and to prevent law suits in future respecting grants from the Land-Office under the aforesaid act of April the third, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That from and after the passing of this act, the Secretary of the Land-Office shall not grant any new warrant for land which he has reason to believe hath been already taken up under a former warrant, but in all such cases he shall cause a duplicate copy of the application to be made, on which duplicate copy he shall write his name, with the day and year in which it was presented, and he shall file the original in his office, and deliver the copy to the party applying: *Provided always*, That on every application so to be made and filed, shall be certified on the oath or affirmation of one disinterested witness that the person making such application, or in whose behalf such application is made, is in actual possession of the land applied for, and such certificate shall mention also the time when such possession was taken, and the application so filed in the Secretary's office shall be entitled to the same force and effect, and the same priority in granting warrants to actual settlers, as though the warrants had been granted at the time when the applications were filed; and should the decision of the court and jury, at the trial aforesaid, be in favour of the claims of the actual settlers, the Secretary of the Land-Office shall proceed to grant the warrants, upon the purchase-money being paid, according to the priority of the applications filed in his office.

The Governor empowered to appoint counsel to assist the Attorney-General at said trial.

SECT. V. *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That it shall be lawful for the Governor of this commonwealth to appoint not more than two counsel, learned in the law, to assist the Attorney-General at the said trial, on the part of this commonwealth.

Passed 2d April, 1802.—Recorded in Law Book No. VIII. page 115.

CHAPTER MMCCLXXXVIII.

An ACT to empower the Trustees of Crawford county, to erect a suitable building for a seminary of learning in the town of Meadville.

SECT. I. [TRUSTEES of seminary of learning at Meadville, appointed with powers to receive grants of real and personal property for the use thereof, and to sue for and recover the debts due to the same. 2. Before entering on the duties of their office to give bond, &c. 3. Empowered to purchase a lot, erect a house and employ a teacher for the use of said seminary. 4. To place the public monies in some productive fund, and to exhibit their accounts annually to the Grand Jury.]

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