

within the Indian purchase, anything herein contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Passed April 9, 1781. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 431, etc. See the Acts of Assembly passed June 25, 1781, Chapter 947; April 5, 1782, Chapter 964; April 1, 1784, Chapter 1094; April 8, 1785, Chapter 1162; September 16, 1785, Chapter 1180.

CHAPTER OMXLI.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL SUPPLY AND HONORABLE REWARD OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TROOPS IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,"¹ AND THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO SETTLE AND ADJUST THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TROOPS OF THIS STATE IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED."²

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, doubts have arisen whether the chaplains and surgeons of the Pennsylvania line are included in the act, entitled "An act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty:²

And whereas, the chaplains and surgeons of the said Pennsylvania line engaged to serve during the present war have not, by the act, entitled "An act for the more effectual supply and honorable reward of the Pennsylvania troops in the service of the United States of America,"¹ the encouragement and reward their services and sufferings justly entitle them to:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.). Be it therefore 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 the chaplains and regimental surgeons of the Pennsylvania line engaged to serve during the present war shall be, and they are hereby entitled to all the

¹ Passed March 1, 1780, Chapter 880.

² December 18, 1780, Chapter 920.

emoluments and benefits, to all intents and purposes, which the military commissioned officers in the said line are entitled to; under the act, entitled "An act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned,"¹ passed on the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and also shall be entitled to the half pay of a captain during life, they, the said chaplains and surgeons continuing in the service during the present war with Great Britain.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Provided always, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all commissioned officers, chaplains and surgeons of the Pennsylvania line aforesaid who are or hereafter shall be entitled to half pay shall be liable to be called into actual service by the supreme executive council of this state at any time hereafter; and if any of the commissioned officers, chaplains or surgeons of the said line shall neglect or refuse to go and continue in said service when called to it as aforesaid, such half pay shall from thence cease and determine, anything in any law of this state to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supreme executive council of this state may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint any additional number of auditors, above the number of [three] mentioned in the act, entitled "An act to settle and adjust the account of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned," as they shall judge necessary for expediting the business to be performed by the said auditors, which additional auditors shall have all the powers and authority and the like reward for their services which are given and granted by the said act to the auditors therein mentioned.

(Section V, P. L.) And whereas, it hath been represented to this house that it is both necessary and expedient to pay off and discharge a certain proportion of the sums specified in the

¹ December 18, 1780, Chapter 920.

certificates lately granted to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line for their depreciation of pay:

[Section IV.] (Section VI, P. L.) Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supreme executive council be and they hereby are authorized to draw upon the treasurer of the state for such sum or sums of money as they may deem necessary, and place the same into the hands of certain commissioners to be especially appointed by them for that purpose (which they are hereby empowered to do), who shall attend at the rendezvous of the respective regiments on or before the first day of May next ensuing, and then and there pay to such officers and privates who are in actual service [and shall make] application for the same, one-third part of the sums found due on settlement and specified in the certificates aforesaid, respectively.

[Section V.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to take up and transmit to the treasurer of this state the certificates aforesaid and to issue new certificates to the said officers and private men for their respective balances, which said new certificates shall bear lawful interest and shall be transferable in the same manner as promissory notes are by law, any former law to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding.

[Section VI.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the certificates of such officers and soldiers as shall not apply to the commissioners aforesaid for payment shall bear lawful interest and be transferable in like manner as the new certificates hereinbefore directed to be granted, and the possessor or possessors of the same may, when he or they shall think proper, call on the treasurer of the state for a third part of the sums mentioned in the said certificates, respectively, who is hereby authorized and directed to pay the same, and the said treasurer is hereby further authorized and directed to retain the said certificates in his hands and grant new certificates for such balance as may be due in manner and form as is above directed.

[Section VII.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted

by the authority aforesaid, That the supreme executive council be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to order sale to be made of all forfeited estates appropriated by the act, entitled "An act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned,"¹ on or before the tenth day of May next ensuing and apply the money arising therefrom to the uses and purposes in the said act mentioned, anything in the fourth section thereof to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed April 10, 1781. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 433, etc. See the Act of Assembly passed October 1, 1781, Chapter 955.

CHAPTER CMXLII.

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC CREDIT BY AN IMMEDIATE SALE OF THE LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED, AND FULLY SECURING THE PURCHASERS THEREOF IN THEIR TITLES, AND ALSO FOR PRESERVING THE COMMON LANDS APPURTENANT TO THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, AND OTHER TOWNS IN THIS STATE FROM UNWARRANTABLE ENCROACHMENT.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the speedy and honorable redemption of the bills of credit issued for the support of the just and necessary war in which we are now engaged, will have a happy tendency to re-establish public faith and induce well-affected individuals freely to advance their property for the purposes of government if they are secured of a true and real equivalent:

And whereas, the bills of credit of this state dated on the twenty-ninth day of April last, were funded upon the solid property of the state, consisting of the Province island and the unappropriated lots contained within the bounds of the city of Philadelphia, which said lands were, by a former act of assembly, subjected to sale, to be made by the president or vice-president in council, at any time within four years thereafter. And a speedy sale of the said island having become necessary,

¹ Ante.