

ments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, are and shall be vested in the said John Morris and his heirs and assigns forever; and that the said John Morris and his heirs do now stand seized, and after the publication of this act shall stand seized of the said fifty acres of land with the hereditaments and appurtenances aforesaid thereunto belonging, to and for the only use, benefit and behoof of the same John Morris, and his heirs, and assigns forever; subject to such quit rents and other rents, estates and encumbrances, as are or may be legally charged on the same or any part or parcel thereof; and that all persons having and claiming any estate of property or inheritance in the same premises or in any part or parcel thereof shall, within the space of one year from the publication of this act, make their claim by bringing an ejectment against the said John Morris, his heirs or assigns, or the tenants or occupiers of the said fifty acres, from all future claims otherwise they shall be excluded and forever debarred, except feme covert, persons under age, imprisoned, or beyond sea, who shall make their claims within one year after their said incapacities shall be removed, or otherwise they shall be debarred as aforesaid.

Passed February 25, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 45, etc.

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## CHAPTER MVII.

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AN ACT FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDEEMING AND PAYING OFF THE CERTIFICATES OF DEPRECIATION GIVEN TO THE OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LINE, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, AND FOR APPROPRIATING CERTAIN OTHER LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED FOR THE USE OF THE SAID OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS TO BE DIVIDED OFF TO THEM SEVERALLY AT THE END OF THE WAR.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it was enacted by a law of this commonwealth passed the eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, 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,"<sup>1</sup> That the certificates of deprecation given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line should be receivable at the land-office of this state, equal to gold and silver, in the payment of the purchase money of unlocated lands if the possessor or possessors of the same should think proper to purchase such lands:

[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 for the more speedy and effectual complying with the intentions of the law aforesaid there be and hereby is located and laid off a certain tract of land as follows; beginning where the western boundary of this state crosses the Ohio river, thence up the said river to Fort Pitt; thence up the Allegheny river to the mouth of Mogulboughtiton creek, thence by a west line to the western boundary of this state; thence south by the said boundary to the place of beginning, reserving to the use of the state three thousand acres in an oblong of not less than one mile in depth from the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, and extending up and down the said rivers from opposite Fort Pitt so far as may be necessary to include the same, and the further quantity of three thousand acres, on the Ohio, and on both sides of the mouth of Beaver creek, including Fort Mackintosh; all which remaining tract of land, as aforesaid, is hereby appropriated as a farther fund for the purpose of redeeming the certificates aforesaid, and shall for that purpose be laid out and disposed as follows; that is to say the survey-general of this state shall, according to such directions as may be given him by the supreme executive council, cause the aforesaid tract of land to be laid out in lots of not less than two hundred acres, nor more than three hundred and fifty acres each, numbering the same lots numerically on the draught or plot of the country aforesaid, and shall as soon as the same or one hundred lots thereof are surveyed, together with the secretary of the land-office and the

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<sup>1</sup> Passed December 18, 1780, Chapter 920.

receiver-general, proceed to sell the same lots in numerical order at such times and places and under such regulations as shall be appointed by the supreme executive council; the full consideration bid at such sales shall be paid into the receiver-general's office, either in gold or silver, or in the certificates aforesaid; upon full payment of which consideration, the expense of surveying, together with all fees of the different offices, patents shall be issued in the usual form to the several buyers or vendees; and the different sums in specie that may be paid into the receiver-general's office shall be paid over by him to the treasury of this state for the purpose of redeeming such certificates as may remain unsatisfied at the end of such sales.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the allowance or pay for laying out and returning into the surveyor-general's office the lands herein directed to be laid out and sold, including wages to chain-bearers, and markers, and all other expenses incurred in laying out and returning the same, for each lot shall be the sum of three pounds ten shillings which shall be paid in specie by the owners or purchasers of said lot or lots, before a patent shall be issued for the same.

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas the general assembly of this commonwealth did by their resolve of the seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty promise to the officers and privates belonging to this state in the federal army, certain donations and quantities of land according to their several ranks as therein let forth to be surveyed and divided off to them severally at the end of the war:

[Section III.] (Section V, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the purpose of effectually complying with the letter and intention of said resolve, there be, and it is hereby declared to be located and laid off, a certain tract of country, beginning at the mouth of Mogulbughtiton creek; thence up the Allegheny river to the mouth of Cagnawaga creek; thence due north to the northern boundary of this state; thence west by the said boundary to the northwest corner of the state; thence south by the western boundary of the state to the northwest corner of lands appropriated by this act for discharging

the certificates herein mentioned; and thence by the same lands east, to the place of beginning; which said tract of country shall be reserved and set apart for the only and sole use of fulfilling and carrying into execution the said resolve.

[Section IV.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no improvement, location, warrant, grant, right, title or claim whatsoever made or procured by, from or under any Indian nation or nations of Indians, the late proprietaries, or any other person or persons whatsoever, for or upon the lands contained within the limits of the two above described tracts of country or any part thereof shall be valid or any effect in law or equity but the same shall be void to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

[Section V.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all officers and private men entitled to land as aforesaid shall and they are hereby directed to make their respective applications for the same within two years after peace shall be declared, and should any of the said officers, non-commissioned officers or private men, die before their respective applications shall be made as before directed, then their heirs, executors or administrators respectively are hereby permitted to make such applications within one year after the expiration of the aforesaid time; and in case the said officers, non-commissioned officers, and private men, their heirs, executors or administrators, shall neglect so to do within the times limited as aforesaid, then and in such cases it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever to apply to the land office, locate and take up such parts or parcels of said lands, upon such terms as the legislature shall hereafter direct, as may remain unlocated by the said officers, non-commissioned officers and private men, their heirs, executors and administrators.

[Section VI.] (Section VIII, P. L.) Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall not be in the power of the non-commissioned officers, and private men, or any of them, to grant, bargain or sell his or their share of the land hereby appropriated for their use, or any part thereof until the same shall be actually surveyed and laid off

as aforesaid, and that every such sale or conveyance shall be absolutely null and void to all intents and purposes.

Passed March 12, 1783. Recorded L. L. No. 2, p. 46, etc. See the Acts of Assembly passed September 11, 1787, Chapter 1306; September 30, 1791, Chapter 1592.

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## CHAPTER MVIII.

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AN ACT FOR EXTENDING THE PROVISION MADE IN THE SEVENTH SECTION OF THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE REPEAL OF SO MUCH OF THE LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AS MAKE THE CONTINENTAL BILLS OF CREDIT AND THE BILLS EMITTED BY THE RESOLVES OR ACTS OF ASSEMBLIES OF THE SAID COMMONWEALTH A LEGAL TENDER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED." <sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the provision made by the act entitled "An act for the repeal of so much of the laws of this commonwealth as make the continental bills of credit and the bills emitted by the resolves or acts of assemblies of the said commonwealth a legal tender," in behalf of those persons who, from principles of honor and honesty declined paying their debts with a depreciated paper currency when they had it in their power by law so to have done, will cease on the twenty-first day of June next:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas it was deemed reasonable, at the time of passing the aforesaid act, that such honest debtors should not be compelled to pay their old debts till gold and silver money should become more plenty and easier to be procured; And whereas from divers causes, it hath actually become more scarce and difficult to be procured than at the time of passing the aforesaid act, and in consequence thereof great numbers of honest debtors as aforesaid will be ruined unless some further relief be provided for them:

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it

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<sup>1</sup> Passed June 21, 1781, Chapter 945.