

CHAPTER MXXIV.

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN MONEYS ARISING FROM THE EXCISE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL INTEREST DUE ON UNALIENATED CERTIFICATES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it hath been found by experience that 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 and the several supplements thereto have not answered all the good purposes thereby intended, and in as much as the funds established for the redemption of the certificates granted for the depreciation of pay by the act and supplements aforesaid have not proved sufficiently productive:

[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 in addition to the funds provided by the said act, the moneys arising from the duty of excise of this state shall be and hereby are appropriated for the payment of the annual interest which hath accrued since the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, or which may accrue hereafter upon all such certificates aforesaid as shall remain unalienated and not transferred from the original possessors to whom they have been issued, or their heirs, executors or administrators; which appropriation of said excise shall be and continue a permanent fund for the purposes aforesaid until means shall be provided for the payment of the principal sums specified in said certificates respectively.

(Section III, P. L.) Provided always, That nothing in this act shall be deemed, taken or construed to prevent the appropriation of the residue of the moneys arising from the said excise, after

¹ Passed December 18, 1780, Chapter 920.

the payment of the annual interest aforesaid, to such other purposes as may appear necessary.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every of the persons who shall claim the benefits and privileges of this act shall, previous to his, her or their receiving the same, apply to the comptroller-general of this state, who is hereby authorized and required to administer the following oath or affirmation to each of them respectively: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm) that the certificate by me now produced in order to receive one year's interest due there upon, was never bartered, sold, or otherwise alienated by me, or by any other person or persons for me, nor any part thereof." And the said comptroller-general is hereby authorized to examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation touching any alienation of the said certificates; and if it shall appear to him by such oath or affirmation, or examination of witnesses as aforesaid, that he, she or they have never altered the property of the said certificates by any alienation thereof, then, and in such case, but not otherwise, he shall from and after the tenth day of April next, and so on from and after the tenth day of April in each and every succeeding year report the names of all and every person or persons so applying to the supreme executive council, who are hereby authorized to draw orders on the treasurer of this state, payable to the persons respectively, or their order, for the amount of one year's interest due upon their respective certificates; which order so drawn, the treasurer aforesaid is hereby directed to pay out of the moneys he shall from time to time receive on account of the excise of this state.

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