

agreeably to the act of assembly passed the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, commonly called the Pennsylvania volunteers, or seven months men, and those who have been raised agreeably to the act of assembly passed the twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, commonly called the eighteen months men, who have served out the term of their enlistments or were honorably discharged and have not been finally settled with, together with the officers who may have been appointed to command any of them and who have not been finally settled with, shall be and are hereby entitled to receive from this state their pay at the same rate for the whole length of their services as is fixed by act of congress of the twelfth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty. And the comptroller-general is hereby authorized and directed to settle their accounts accordingly and to grant them certificates respectively agreeable to the act of assembly passed the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four.

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#### CHAPTER MCXLIV.

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AN ACT GRANTING TO JAMES RUMSEY AN EXCLUSIVE RIGHT FOR A CERTAIN TERM OF YEARS TO NAVIGATE AND BUILD BOATS CALCULATED TO WORK WITH GREATER EASE AND FACILITY AGAINST RAPID RIVERS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas James Rumsey hath represented to this house by his petition that he hath discovered a more easy and expeditious way of navigating large and heavy loaden boats against the streams of rapid rivers, with a much smaller number of hands than the present way of working requires, and that the discovery will render the inland navigation of this commonwealth more expeditious and much less expensive than at present and hath therefore prayed the sole and exclusive right of constructing, navigation and employing boats, built

and to be built, after his new invented mode, may be granted him, his heirs and assigns, for and during a limited time as a reward for so important and useful a discovery:

[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 from and after the passing of this act the said James Rumsey, his heirs and assigns, shall have the sole exclusive right of building, navigating and employing boats to be built agreeably to his new method of building and working, for and during the term of ten years, to commence from and after the passing of this act.

(Section III, P. L.) Provided nevertheless, That if the said James Rumsey shall not within the space of twelve months after the passing this act bring into effect his proposed plan for building and navigating boats within this state, that then this act shall be void and of no effect.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall build and navigate any boat or boats upon his plan and navigated in the same way and manner as the new invented boats are within this commonwealth at any time within the aforesaid term of ten years without the consent of the said James Rumsey, his heirs and assigns, had and obtained in writing, he or they so offending shall forfeit the said boat or boats so built without the consent of the said James Rumsey, his heirs and assigns, together with one hundred pounds current money of this commonwealth unto the said Rumsey, his heirs or assigns and recoverable in the same county where the offence was committed, before any court where the same is cognizable by action of debt.

[Section III.] Provided always, That nothing contained in this act shall prevent any further house of assembly of this commonwealth from abolishing this exclusive right, granted to the said Rumsey by this act, upon their paying him, his heirs or assigns the sum of eight thousand pounds in gold or silver.

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