

[Section VIII.] (Section XV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every of the acts of assembly herein before recited which may be affected or altered by this act shall be and the same are and is hereby repealed so far and no further than shall be required to give effect and operation to this act.

Passed April 5, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 514. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 20, 1724-25, Chapter 284, and the Act of Assembly passed March 24, 1786, Chapter 1218.

CHAPTER MCLXII.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO DRAW ON THE TREASURER OF THIS STATE FOR THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS IN FAVOR OF THOMAS PAINE, ESQUIRE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas during the late revolution, and particularly in [the] most trying and perilous times thereof, many very eminent services were rendered to the good people of Pennsylvania, and other parts of the United States by Thomas Paine, esquire, accompanied with sundry distinguished instances of fidelity, patriotism and disinterestedness:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas the said Thomas Paine, did, during the whole progress of the revolution, voluntarily devote himself to the service of the public, without accepting recompense therefor, and moreover did decline taking or receiving the profits, which authors are entitled to, on the sale of their literary works, but relinquished them for the better accommodation of the country, and for the honor of the public cause:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas besides the knowledge which this house has of the services of the said Thomas Paine, the same have been recommended to us, by message of his excellency the president and the supreme executive council of this state, of the sixth day of December last past, and by the friendly offices of the late patriotic commander-in-chief, General Washington:

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas it is just and right and consistent with the true character and principles of a republic, that when services and benefits have been received by the citizens thereof, more especially those done in times of public danger and foreign invasion, that they on their part acknowledge and recompense the same:

(Section V, P. L.) And whereas it is the design and intention of the good people of this state so to do to the said Thomas Paine:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section VI, P. L.) Be it 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 as a temporary recompense to the said Thomas Paine and until a suitable provision shall be further made, either federally by congress or otherways, that the supreme executive council be authorized and empowered, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to draw on the treasurer of this state, for the sum of five hundred pounds in favor of and payable to the said Thomas Paine.

Passed April 5, 1785. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 519.

CHAPTER MCLXIII.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN FOR ACKNOWLEDGING AND RECORDING OF DEEDS."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by a supplement to the act, entitled "An act for acknowledging and recording of deeds,"² passed the eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, it was enacted that all deeds and conveyances, which, from and after the publication thereof should be made and executed within the then province, now

¹ Passed May 28, 1715, Chapter 208.

² Passed March 18, 1775, Chapter 706.