

person or persons might by law have severally drawn for or ordered to be paid as aforesaid before the passing of this act.

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CHAPTER MCLXXXV.

AN ACT FOR THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas it is proper that those who dedicate their time and abilities to the service of the public ought to be recompensed for the same and it is declared by the constitution of this commonwealth, "That if any man be called into public service to the prejudice of his private affairs he has a right to a reasonable compensation;" yet moderation, frugality and economy ought ever be kept in view in this free state, especially at this time when the distresses occasioned by the late war are still felt and whilst the loans and other charges incurred by the same require that large taxes be levied in order to satisfy and discharge the just debts of this commonwealth:

[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 following annual salaries, to be paid quarterly, and the following daily allowances shall be the recompenses of the several officers of this state hereinafter named, to commence (except as to the members of congress) from and after the passing of this act, that is to say:

To the president of the supreme executive council for the time being the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds per annum.

To the vice-president the sum of five hundred pounds.

To the attorney-general the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds.

To the secretary of the supreme executive council the sum of five hundred pounds per annum, including the expense of clerks,

and as a full recompense for all the duties which the said secretary by law or custom is obliged to perform.

[Section II.] (Section III. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the secretary of the supreme executive council shall continue to receive the usual fees and perquisites of his office, and shall make entry thereof in a book to be kept by him for that purpose and pay the same quarterly unto the treasurer of this state on oath or affirmation under the penalty of one thousand pounds for each and every such neglect or refusal, to be recovered in any court of record by an action of debt at the suit of the commonwealth for the use and support of government.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the following daily wages shall be allowed and paid to the persons hereafter mentioned, to wit:

To the delegates or deputies of this commonwealth in the congress of the United States of America, for every day's attendance in the public service, each the sum of six dollars or forty-five shillings.

To the members of the supreme executive council other than the president and vice-president, for every day's attendance, each the sum of fifteen shillings.

To the speaker of the house of assembly, for every day he shall attend in the general assembly, the sum of twenty-two shillings and sixpence.

To every other member of the house of assembly, for every day he shall attend in the general assembly the sum of fifteen shillings.

To the clerk of the general assembly, for every day he shall attend upon his duty, the the sum of twenty shillings.

To the clerk assistant of the general assembly, for every day he shall attend upon his duty, the sum of fifteen shillings.

To the sergeant at arms attending the general assembly, for every day he shall be employed therein, the sum of ten shillings.

To the door-keeper of the executive council and to the door-keeper of the general assembly, for every day they shall severally attend upon their respective duties, the sum of ten shillings.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each of the delegates of this state in the honorable congress of the United States of America, and the members of the supreme executive council, shall be further allowed, in order to answer and defray his travelling charges, the sum of six-pence for every mile he shall travel, once every three months, in going to and returning from the places where the congress of the United States of America and the supreme executive council of this state, respectively, shall sit; provided he so often shall actually visit his family; and that every member of the general assembly of this state be further allowed towards his travelling charges, after the same rate once in each sitting of the house, provided he attends; which said salaries, wages and allowances for travelling, shall be paid by the treasurer of this state upon orders drawn for the same by the president or vice-president in council, except the pay of the speaker, members and clerks of the general assembly, the sergeant at arms and the door-keeper of the house, who are to draw their pay as usual.

[Section V.] (Section VI. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act of general assembly entitled, "An Act for the support of Government and the administration of Justice,"¹ passed on the twenty seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one and the supplement thereunto passed the twenty-fifth day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three,² shall from and after the passing of this act be repealed and made null and void.

(Section VII. P.L.) Provided always, That the said repeal shall not hinder the payment and issuing of any money that has become due, or shall become due to any person by and under the aforesaid acts.

(Section VIII. P.L.) And whereas since the closing of act, it appears to the general assembly that the provision heretofore made for the secretary of the supreme executive council, con-

¹ Chapter 957.

² Chapter 1005.

sidering the importance of his station, is not sufficient to enable the said officer to employ an able or sufficient clerk.

[Section VI.] (Section IX. P.L.) Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That notwithstanding anything contained in the said act, the further additional sum of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum, over and besides the sum of five hundred pounds therein allowed to said secretary, shall be allowed and issued to him in order to enable him to provide and pay [an] able and sufficient clerk, and the same shall be drawn for in like manner as the salary before mentioned.

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CHAPTER MCLXXXVI.

AN ACT TO ENABLE COMMISSIONERS THEREIN NAMED TO SETTLE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE MANAGERS OF A LOTTERY SET UP AND DRAWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING NEWARK ACADEMY AND [A] GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH IN WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP IN PHILADELPHIA COUNTY AND REPAIRING NORRITON MEETING HOUSE AND EVERY OTHER PERSON CONCERNED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas it hath been represented by petition to the general assembly by Robert Porter, Robert Carry and William Armstrong, that they, in conjunction with others, were appointed managers of a lottery for the purpose of building Newark Academy and a German Lutheran Church in Whitpain township in Philadelphia county and repairing Norriton Meeting-House, and that although the said lottery hath been long since drawn and a great part of the money arising therefrom remains yet unpaid or [un]appropriated to the uses aforesaid.

And whereas the said petitioners have requested that a law may be passed appointing commissioners to settle with the managers and other persons concerned in the said lottery, their executors and administrators, and to recover by due course of law, if occasion should be the said moneys arising therefrom and to apply the same to the purpose for which the said lottery was intended: