

victed of misbehavior or delinquency in office by a jury of the proper county.

[Section X.] (Section XII. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the fines and forfeitures which may be incurred by virtue of this act shall be recovered with costs of suit of the several offenders or delinquents by information before the supreme court or the court of common pleas of the county where the offender or delinquent dwelleth. Provided, That all such suits be commenced within one year after the offence or delinquency shall happen.

[Section XI.] (Section XIII. P. L.) Provided also, That the comptroller-general shall not by virtue of this act have any authority to call upon the county commissioner, county treasurer or other person concerning anything done by virtue of an act, entitled "An act for raising of county rates and levies,"³ enacted in the late province of Pennsylvania, in the seventeenth day of March, in the year of our Lord (according to the old style) one thousand seven hundred and twenty-four, unless the comptroller-general be specially authorized and directed by the president or vice president in council to call the commissioners, treasurer, or other officer of any county to account concerning the rates and levies of the same county.

Passed March 24, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 96, etc. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 20, 1724-25, Chapter 284 and the Act of Assembly passed October 4, 1788, Chapter 1374; March 30, 1791, Chapter 1543; April 11, 1799, Chapter 2095.

CHAPTER MCOXIX.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DISCHARGING THE ARREARS OF INTEREST DUE UPON THE DEPRECIATION CERTIFICATES GRANTED BY THIS STATE UPON WHICH INTEREST WAS HERETOFORE PAYABLE.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas by an act passed the twenty-third day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, entitled "An act to appropriate certain moneys arising from the excise for the payment of the annual interest on un-

³ Chapter 284.

alienated certificates therein mentioned,"¹ it was provided that from and after the tenth day of April then next and from and after the tenth day of April in each and every succeeding year the comptroller-general should report to the supreme executive council one year's interest upon the certificates of the persons respectively entitled to the benefits of the said act:

And whereas agreeable to the said law there remains one year's interest annually in arrear for payment of which no provision hath been made:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II. 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 from and after the tenth day of April next the comptroller-general shall and he is hereby directed to report one other year's interest in like manner and in addition to the yearly interest heretofore provided for and the supreme executive council are hereby authorized to draw orders for the same in like manner as is directed by the act aforesaid.

(Section III. P. L.) And in order to provide a fund for the discharge of the year's interest hereinbefore directed to be paid as well as to discharge certain other arrears not yet paid:

[Section II.] Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of twenty-five thousand and ninety-seven pounds nineteen shillings and three pence of the moneys which have arisen from the impost duties of this state and which became due before the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, or so much as may be necessary thereof, be and the same are hereby appropriated to the said purposes.

(Section IV. P. L.) And whereas upwards of five years have elapsed since this state undertook to compensate the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line of the late army of the United States of America, for the losses sustained by the same officers and soldiers severally by receiving their pay in depreciated bills of credit.

And whereas divers of the said officers and soldiers who were

¹ Passed March 21, 1783. Chap. 1024.

entitled to the relief intended for them: have not hitherto applied in person nor by their agents or attorneys in fact, executors or administrators, to ask, demand, and take out the certificates for the depreciation aforesaid, which were directed by an act of general assembly enacted for that purpose on 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,"² And whereas many abuses have been attempted and practiced by persons not of kin with deceased soldiers nor having demands upon their estates taking out letters of administration and setting up false and fraudulent claims to certificates for depreciation which remained unissued, and it is proper that the certificates aforesaid which yet remain in the hands of the comptroller-general of this state and also all other certificates for depreciation which have not hitherto been demanded by persons respectively who are or were entitled to them should be secured from further abuse and likewise that some limitation should be given to the issuing of certificates for depreciation.

[Section III.] (Section V. P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the publication of this act none of the certificates which have been made out for compensating the losses of the officers and soldiers aforesaid by receiving depreciated bills of credit nor any other certificates of the like nature which have been made out or which have been directed to be made out to any person or persons in the pay of the United States of America or of this state and that remain in the hands of the comptroller-general of this state unissued nor which be not yet made out shall be delivered to any person other than the person who is entitled to the same, or to his attorney in fact, properly authorized by letter of attorney, duly executed and recorded in the office for recording of deeds in the county of Philadelphia or to his executor or executors or to his administrator or administrators legally entitled to the same or a share thereof by succession ab intestato, and that all the de-

² Chapter 920.

preciation certificates aforesaid of whatever nature or kind which from and after the first day of April which will be in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven shall remain unclaimed and not taken out shall be deemed and considered as escheats to the commonwealth in like manner and to like effect as if the several persons who are or were entitled to the same certificates were dead without kindred and that within two months from and after the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven the comptroller-general shall form an accurate list of all the unclaimed certificates which then remain as aforesaid in his hands and likewise another list of all such as have been claimed (if any such there be) and shall transmit the same together with the same certificates to the president or vice president in council, and the president or vice president in council shall thereupon order that an indorsement be made on each of the certificates aforesaid which shall not have been claimed in order to render them of no use to any person whatever, and if the claims that shall then be pending upon any of the same certificates shall be afterwards determined against the particular claimant the like indorsement shall be likewise made thereon and the aforesaid lists shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the executive council.

Passed March 25, 1786. Recorded L. B: No. 3, p. 98, etc.

CHAPTER MCCXX.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND CONFIRM THE TITLE OF THE ASSIGNS OF NATHANIEL TAYLOR IN A CERTAIN MESSUAGE AND TRACT OF LAND IN ALLEN TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas it has been represented to this general assembly that a certain Nathaniel Taylor, late of Allen township in the county of Northampton, yeoman, deceased, was in his lifetime seized in his demesne as of fee of a certain messuage, plantation and tract of land thereunto belonging with the appurtenances situate in the township and county aforesaid