

CHAPTER MCCCVI.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO LAY OUT A TOWN AND OTHERWISE TO APPORTION THE LANDS CONTAINED IN THE TRACT OF LAND RESERVED TO THE USE OF THE STATE BY THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDEEMING AND PAYING OFF THE CERTIFICATES OF DEPRECIATION GIVEN TO THE OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LINE OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND FOR APPROPRIATING CERTAIN OTHER LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED FOR THE USE OF THE SAID OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS TO BE DIVIDED OFF TO THEM SEVERALLY AT THE END OF THE WAR."¹

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas by the act of assembly passed the twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three for the purpose of redeeming and paying off the certificates of depreciation given to the officers and solidiers of the Pennsylvania line and for other purposes in the said act mentioned, a certain tract of land was reserved to the use of the state "containing (as in the said act is expressed) three thousand acres in an oblong of not less than one mile in depth from the Allegheny and Ohio rivers and extending up and down the said rivers from opposite Fort Pitt so far as may be necessary to include the same:"

And whereas it appears that a sale of the said tract if laid out and disposed of to the best advantage will furnish a considerable sum of money towards discharging the debts due by this state:

Therefore to attain the said end in the most serviceable manner to the state:

[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 the president or vice-president in council are hereby empowered to cause to be laid out and surveyed a town in lots with a competent and suitable number of

¹ Passed March 12, 1783. Chapter 1007.

out lots for the accommodation thereof in the said tract and to cause to be laid out and surveyed the residue of the said tract in lots, which last mentioned lots shall not be less than one acre nor more than ten acres each.

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon the return of such surveys, which are hereby directed to be made to the president or vice-president in council they shall and are hereby authorized to sell the whole of the said lots as they shall think most to the advantage of the state and to convey the same.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P. L.) Provided always and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the president or vice-president in council shall reserve out of the lots of the said town for the use of the state, so much land as they shall deem necessary for a court house, gaol and market house, for places of public worship and for burying the dead and without the said town one hundred acres for a common of pasture, and the streets, lands and alleys of the said town and out lots shall be common highways forever and that the sale of the said lots and out lots herein mentioned or of any of the said lots or out lots shall be made in the town of Pittsburg or in the city of Philadelphia at the discretion of the council and previous to the sale or sales at either place, notice shall be given in the newspapers of the said city as they shall think proper and also in the Pittsburg Gazette of such sale at least sixty days previous to such sale or sales.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the president or vice-president in council is hereby empowered to draw an order or orders on the treasurer of this state to defray the cost and charges of surveying, advertising and selling the lands aforesaid, to be paid by the treasurer out of the unappropriated public moneys in his hands.

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