

made and completed before the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

[And] whereas by an act passed the thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six entitled, "An act for giving during a limited time a right of pre-emption to the actual settlers within this state"<sup>1</sup> and as said act by its own limitation will expire the tenth day of April next and as it is deemed just and reasonable that the actual settlers within this state who have not procured warrants for the lands by them occupied should be allowed longer time for completing the same.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act above recited be and hereby is extended in every matter and thing to the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed March 29, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 366. See the Acts of Assembly passed March 21, 1789, Chapter 1402; March 29, Chapter 1502; April 13, 1791, Chapter 1576.

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## CHAPTER MCCCXLIX.

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AN ACT TO SUSPEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR ASCERTAINING AND CONFIRMING TO CERTAIN PERSONS CALLED CONNECTICUT CLAIMANTS THE LANDS BY THEM CLAIMED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas by an act entitled "An act for ascertaining and confirming to certain persons called Connecticut claimants the lands by them claimed within the county of Luzerne and for other purposes therein mentioned"<sup>2</sup> it is among other things enacted that certain commissioners therein named or thereafter to be appointed should within a limited time meet together within the said county for the purpose of receiving and examining the claims of the said claimants and ascertaining and confirming the same:

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<sup>1</sup>Chapter 1259.

<sup>2</sup>Passed March 28, 1787. Chapter 1285.

And whereas when these commissioners had met in pursuance of the said law they were interrupted in their proceedings by the combinations, threatenings and outrageous violence of certain lawless people in the said county of Luzerne and obliged to fly for the preservation of their lives

And whereas doubts have also arisen concerning the construction, true intent and meaning of said law for which and other causes it hath become very difficult to determine the same and to adjust the compensation to be made to those persons who will be divested of their property by the operation of the said law if the same shall be carried into effect:

And whereas the time in which these commissioners were to receive claims has expired but their other powers still remain, which if immediately executed without further provisions and regulations being previously made will tend to embarrassment and confusion:

[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 so much of the said law as empowers the said commissioners to ascertain and confirm the claims of the said people called Connecticut claimants and all and every part of the said act which gives any power and authority to the said commissioners be and the same is hereby suspended until the legislature of this commonwealth shall by a law for that purpose to be enacted make further provisions and regulations in the premises and shall direct and require the said commissioners to proceed in the exercise of their said powers.

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