

council be authorized and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw their warrant on the state treasury in favor of Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Mentges for the sum [of] one hundred pounds as a full compensation for the services rendered as aforesaid.

Passed September 20, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 409.

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### CHAPTER MCCCLVIII.

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AN ACT TO SUSPEND FOR SIX MONTHS THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THIS STATE TO MAKE SALE OF UNSEATED LANDS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the strict execution of the law directing the sale of unseated lands for non-payment of taxes has, by reason of the small proportion they generally yield on the sale of their supposed or real value, become extremely oppressive, and it is necessary and just as well for the more easy recovery of the taxes imposed on located uncultivated lands the property of persons residing at a distance therefrom, as for the protection of the owners of such property against divers inconveniences and losses to which they have been and may be subjected, that alterations and amendments in the laws for imposing taxes should be made and enacted by a future assembly:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted and is it 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 commissioners of the several counties within this state be and they are hereby restricted and prohibited from making sale of any unseated lands whatsoever in their respective counties by reason of the non-payment of taxes for and during the term of six months from and after the passing of this act, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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