

applicants the benefits of this act and grant them exoneration either from the whole or such part of their tax as the commissioners shall think they are entitled to by this act, and that this act shall continue for and during the term of two years.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners shall annually transmit to the general assembly of this state a list of the names of the persons so exonerated and stating the amount of the sum so remitted.

Passed October 3, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 403.

CHAPTER MCCCLXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ALTER AND AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED 'AN ACT FOR GRANTING AND DISPOSING OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED LANDS WITHIN THIS STATE.'"¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in and by an act of general assembly of this commonwealth entitled, "An act to alter and amend an act of assembly, entitled, 'an act for granting and disposing of the unappropriated lands within this state,'"² it is enacted and declared that the price of the unappropriated lands within this state which have been purchased or should be purchased by certain commissioners for that purpose appointed should be fixed at thirty pounds for every one hundred acres of the same land and so in proportion for greater or less quantities thereof, and it was by the same act directed that payments of the same price should be made before the issuing of the warrant for surveying each tract thereof respectively, either in gold or silver money or in the bills of this state which be dated on the twentieth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one or in certain certificates which are particularly described in another act of general assembly of this commonwealth entitled, "An act for opening

(1) Passed December 21, 1784, Chapter 1122.

(2) Ante.

the land office and for granting and disposing of the unappropriated lands within this state,"¹ that was published on the first day of April, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four. And whereas the land office of this state for the sale and distribution of the unappropriated lands aforesaid within the purchase aforementioned was in and by the act last recited directed to be on the first day of May which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five and the same was accordingly opened on that day:

And whereas on or about the said first day of May and afterwards considerable quantities of the same lands were applied for and warrants of survey issued to divers persons, but for and during many months last past, very few applications have been made for the purchase of said lands and it is reasonable to suppose that the best and most valuable of the lands within the purchase so as aforesaid made of the Indian nations (not specially appropriated nor reserved) have been surveyed and set apart by virtue of warrants issued upon the applications aforesaid, and it is judged proper that the price of the residue of the lands within the said purchase (not specially appropriated nor reserved, should be reduced and accommodated so as to induce persons to become purchasers thereof:

[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 from and after the first day of March next the price of the unappropriated lands of this state within the seventeen districts in the counties of Northumberland and Luzerne, being a part of the purchase last made of the Indian nations as aforesaid shall be twenty pounds for every hundred acres of the same and no more and so in proportion for greater or less quantities thereof, and that the same price shall be payable before the issuing of each warrant of survey respectively for any quantity thereof, in gold or silver money at the rates after which the same are commonly current in this state or in the bills of credit of this

¹Passed April 1, 1784, Chapter 1094.

commonwealth which are dated on the sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five or in certificates of this state which have been or shall be issued according to law and the bearers whereof are entitled to receive of the treasurer of this commonwealth an annual interest thereon after the rate of six per centum half yearly and no other satisfaction for the said price. Provided always, That this act shall not extend to any lands which have been or which shall be surveyed by virtue of any warrant heretofore issued for the surveying of lands within the late purchase made by this commonwealth as aforesaid.

Passed October 3, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 424.

CHAPTER MCCCLXV.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF WARDENS FOR THE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the act entitled, "An act appointing wardens for the port of Philadelphia"¹ is by its own limitation nearly expired:

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 immediately after the passing of this act a board of wardens for the port of Philadelphia consisting of seven discreet and skilful persons to be named and appointed [by the supreme executive council] of this commonwealth shall be established, and that it shall and may be lawful for them and they are hereby enjoined and required as soon as conveniently may be after they shall have been named and appointed as aforesaid to meet together at some convenient

¹Passed February 26, 1773, Chapter 641.