the master of the rolls for this state, and copies of such obligations being duly authenticated under the seal of the said office shall be admitted as legal evidence in any suit or suits that may or shall be brought against such treasurer or his sureties.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That an act of general assembly passed the eighteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine entitled, "An act for ascertaining the securities to be given by the provincial treasurer for the time being for the faithful performance of his trust," shall be and it is hereby repealed.

Passed November 19, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 38. Chapter 586.

CHAPTER MCDLXVI.

AN ACT FOR GRANTING PRESENT RELIEF TO THE WOUNDED AND DISABLED SOLDIERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED PENSIONS FROM THIS STATE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in pursuance of the several recommendations of the congress of the United States pensions have been granted to the wounded and disabled soldiers of the late continental army resident in this state:

And whereas by an act of the senate and house of representatives of the United States in congress assembled passed on the twenty-ninth day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine it is enacted that the military pensions which have been granted and paid by the states respectively in pursuance of the acts of the United States in congress assembled to the invalids who were wounded and disabled during the late war shall be continued and paid by the United States from the fourth day of March last for the space of one year under such regulations as the president of the United States may direct; and it appears that by the directions of the president of the United States such pensions are to be paid at the treasury of the United States on the fifth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety:

And whereas there are a considerable number of such wounded and disabled pensioners who, without any present means of support and incapable of procuring subsistence by their labor, are in danger of perishing for want unless some speedy relief should be extended to them:

[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 the president or vice-president and supreme executive council of this state shall be and they are hereby authorized and requested to borrow on behalf of this state for the space of four months the sum of nine hundred pounds or so much thereof as shall be necessary for the immediate relief of the said wounded and disabled soldiers and to cause the same or so much thereof as may be necessary to be distributed amongst them in monthly payments proportioned to the amount of their respective pensions.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the president or vice-president and supreme executive council be and they are hereby requested to take effectual measures for insuring the repayment of the moneys so borrowed on or before the fifth day of March next by receiving or causing to be received from such soldiers at the time of distributing such proportionate parts of their respective pensions, regular and sufficient transfers and assignments of an equal amount of their respective pensions payable at the treasury of the United States on the said fifth day of March next, but in case repayment of such advances shall not be made by the United States on or before the fifth day of March next, the president or vice-president and supreme executive council shall be and they are hereby authorized and required to draw orders on the treasurer of this state, in favor of the person or persons lending such moneys for the said sum of money or such part thereof as shall be so lent to this state and shall not be reimbursed by the United States on or before the fifth day of March next, which orders shall be payable out of the fund specially appropriated for claims and improvements by virtue of the act entitled, "An act to appropriate divers

funds accruing and growing due to this Commonwealth towards the payment of the expenses of government and to provide a fund for other purposes," passed the twenty-sixth day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

[Section III.] Provided, That the payment of such orders shall not interfere with the appropriation of part of the fund as directed by an act entitled "An act to appropriate the sum of five thousand pounds annually for the purposes therein mentioned."²

CHAPTER MCDLXVII.

AN ACT TO REPEAL SO MUCH OF AN ACT OR ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THIS STATE AS AUTHORIZES AND DIRECTS THE RECEIVING OF CERTIFICATES OF THE UNITED STATES IN PAYMENT OF LANDS PURCHASED OR TO BE PURCHASED OF THIS STATE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by virtue of sundry acts of the general assembly of this state certificates granted by the United States are receivable in payment for lands belonging [to] and sold by this state:

And whereas this state being indebted to its own citizens and others it is reasonable and expedient that the property belonging to it should be applied in satisfaction of such debts and it cannot be douted that the wisdom and justice of the congress of the United States will, from the ample funds now in their power, make a proper provision for the debts due from the United States:

[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 any act or acts of the general assembly of this state as authorizes or di-

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¹ Chapter 1404.

²Passed September 28, 1789, Chapter 1446.