

to be paid for out of the moneys arising out of the sale of the barracks aforesaid.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the remainder of the moneys arising from the sale of the said lots and barracks shall be paid into the state treasury for the support of government, first deducting such reasonable allowances to the commissioners for their trouble in the execution of this act as to the president and supreme executive council may appear just and right.

Passed March 30, 1790. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 88.

CHAPTER MDIV.

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TAX UPON WRITS ISSUED OUT OF THE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY DURING THE TIME THEREIN LIMITED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by an act of general assembly enacted on the twentieth day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three a tax of five shillings and seven pence was imposed upon every writ whether original or judicial, mesne process or any writ which shall be issued in the course of any action (subpoenas for witnesses and writs in behalf of this commonwealth only excepted), to be paid by the prothonotary of the county of Philadelphia out of the fees of his office:

And whereas the division of the county of Philadelphia and the vesting original jurisdiction within the remaining part of that county in the supreme court with other causes have reduced the profits of the said office far below a competent provision for the difficult and professional duties required in the execution of it:

[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 for each of the said writs which shall be issued from and after the enacting hereof

for and during the term of one year the said prothonotary shall pay only the sum of two shillings and six-pence instead of five shillings and seven-pence, any act of assembly of this state to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

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CHAPTER MDV.

AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR ASCERTAINING AND CONFIRMING TO CERTAIN PERSONS CALLED CONNECTICUT CLAIMANTS THE LAND BY THEM WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED." ¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas an act of assembly enacted the twenty-eighth day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven entitled, "An act for ascertaining and confirming to certain persons called Connecticut claimants the lands by them claimed within the counties of Luzerne and for other purposes therein mentioned,"² hath been found in its principles and operations to be unjust and oppressive in as much as it divested many citizens of this state of their lands without their consent and without making them any just compensation:

And whereas depriving individuals of their property in such a summary way is unconstitutional and of the most dangerous consequence:

And whereas said act was enacted by the legislature hastily without due consideration had and proper information of the magnitude of the grant:

And whereas carrying said act into effect would impose a grievous burden on the good citizens of this state to make compensation to those who would thereby be divested of their property:

And whereas the reasons set forth in the preamble of said act do not appear to warrant any legislative interference or departure from the established rules of justice in respect to private property nor hath had the effect proposed:

¹ Chapter 1285.

² Ante.