

CHAPTER MMXXXVI.

AN ACT TO INDEMNIFY GENERAL WILLIAM IRWINE FOR THE LOSS OF MONTOUR'S ISLAND, RECOVERED FROM HIM BY A JUDGMENT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas the legislature of this state, by an act passed on the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three,¹ granted unto Brigadier-General William Irwine, in consideration of essential services rendered to this state, the right of pre-emption to an island known by [the name of] Montour's island, in the Ohio river, upon the terms expressed in the said act, which were fully complied with, in consequence whereof a patent was duly obtained by him. And whereas the said island has since been claimed by Colonel Charles Syms, under a warrant and location previously issued and sanctioned by the laws of Virginia, upon which an ejectment was brought, and a judgment was rendered in his favor at the last sitting of the supreme court of the United States, whereby the said William Irwine has been divested of his right and title to the said island. And whereas it is just and reasonable that an adequate indemnification be made to him for the loss which he has sustained. Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That in lieu of the said island, which was recovered from General William Irwin as aforesaid, there be granted unto the said General William Irwine, in fee simple, two thousand acres of land, situate at the mouth of Harbor creek in Allegheny county, being a tract of land reserved to the state by a former law of this Commonwealth.

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¹Chapter 1045.