

CHAPTER MMDXCIX.

AN ACT FOR THE SPEEDY REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN CERTIFICATES
THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas by an act, entitled, "An act to compensate David Meade and others," passed the ninth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six,⁽¹⁾ certain certificates were issued as evidences of credits in favor of the said David Meade and others; and as a part of the debt created by the said certificates remains unpaid, and as justice to individuals, as well as the interest of the state, requires that it should be speedily extinguished: 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 it shall be optional with the holders of certain certificates, usually called "Wyoming Credits," issued under "An act to compensate David Meade and others," passed the ninth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six,⁽¹⁾ as also the holders of those issued under an act, entitled, "An act for the relief of Peter Wikoff, Jonathan Bayard Smith, and others," passed the nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and one,⁽²⁾ to receive from the treasury of this commonwealth the amount of said certificates, or any of them, or to apply them in taking out warrants for lands, or in discharge of arrearages on former grants, and warrantee or warrantees who may pay the purchase money of the lands granted by any warrant or warrants, or any part of it in the certificates of either of the descriptions aforesaid, shall be as liable to the payment of fees, and the conditions of settlement and cultivation, as is or may be required of those who pay the purchase money in specie, and no credit shall be hereafter allowed to any person paying for

lands with the credits aforesaid, on account of expenses incurred in surveying or locating any lands; any custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Note (¹). Chapter 1877; 15 Statutes at Large, p. 393.

Note (²). Chapter 2185; 16 Statutes at Large, p. 548.

CHAPTER MMDC.

AN ACT TO ORGANIZE THE PROVISIONAL COUNTY OF VENANGO.

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 from and after the first day of September next, the inhabitants of the county of Venango shall enjoy and exercise all and singular the jurisdictions, powers and privileges whatsoever within the same, which the inhabitants of other counties do, may or ought to enjoy within their respective counties by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the judges of the supreme court, the president of the sixth circuit or district, and the judges to be appointed in the said county of Venango, shall have and exercise like powers, jurisdictions and authorities within and over the same, as are or may be warranted to and exercised by the judges in other counties within this state.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sheriffs, coroners, treasurers, and all such other officers as have usually given, or as, are or may be by law directed to give bail, for the faithful discharge of the duties of their offices, who shall hereafter be elected or appointed in the county of Venango, shall, before they enter on the duties of their offices, give sufficient sureties in the like sums, like manner and form, and for like purposes, uses and trusts, as similar officers are required to do in the county of Crawford.