

hereby authorized and directed to hold adjourned courts of common pleas in the said county, for trying and arguing civil causes, when the business therein depending shall render it necessary; to continue each one week; to wit, to commence on the first Monday in March; on the third Monday in May, and on the second Monday in December, annually.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force until the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

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CHAPTER MMDCXVII.

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE PATENTING OF LANDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 the receiver general of this commonwealth, be, and he is hereby authorized to settle the accounts of all persons who may apply within three years from and after the passing of this act, who are indebted to this commonwealth for the purchase money of lands, and the interest due thereon, and who have not received patents for their lands; and on the payment of the usual fees of office, such persons shall receive their patents upon executing a mortgage to the governor for the use of the commonwealth, to secure the payment of the aggregate of the arrears of purchase money and interest due, in ten equal annual instalments, the interest of the whole aggregate sum remaining due to be paid yearly, and all mortgages, which shall be executed in pursuance of this act, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the land office, and shall be available in law without the recording thereof; and it shall be the duty of the secretary of the land office, before he shall deliver any such patent to be enrolled, to endorse thereon that a mortgage is executed

by the patentee to the governor for the use of the commonwealth, to secure the payment of arrearages, and also endorse thereon the amount thereof.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the state treasurer shall on the first Monday of January, annually, exhibit to the governor a statement of the amount of money then in the treasury, received from the receiver general for the purchase money and interest, which the said receiver general has paid into the treasury for lands; and the governor is hereby required to apply one half of the money aforesaid to the purchase stock of the United States, or of any of the banks, for the use of the commonwealth; the said stock to be considered inviolable, and the interest thereof to be applied for the support of government; and such part of the principal of the stock of the United States, which may be purchased as aforesaid, as may, from time to time, be redeemed, shall be applied by the governor to the renewal of the said stock, or vested in some other stock; and the secretary of the commonwealth is hereby required to make an annual report to the legislature of what proceedings have been had under this act: Provided however, that the provisions contained in this section shall in no wise interfere with or impede the operation of the third section of the act, entitled, "An act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants, of certain lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the fourth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.⁽¹⁾

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act entitled, "An act, to extend the time for patenting lands and for other purposes," passed the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and two,⁽²⁾ and all matters and things therein contained, shall be and is hereby further extended for three years from and after the passing of this act.

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Note (1). Chapter 2053; 16 Statutes at Large, p. 245.

Note (2). Chapter 2226. *Supra*, this volume, p. 44.