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Section V. (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall presume to publish in any newspaper, or post by hand bills written or printed, or otherwise, any other person or persons as a coward or cowards, rascal or fascals, liar or liars; or use any other irritating, abusive language for not accepting a challenge, or fighting a duel; such person or persons shall, for such offense, being thereof convicted, be subject to the same punishment as though he or they had fought a duel, as provided by the first section of this act; and the publisher or printer shall, in all prosecutions under this section, be summoned as a witness, and accepted by the courts as a good witness against the writer or writers of such publication or hand bill; and if the said printer or printers, when summoned before the court, shall refuse to give up the writer's name or names, the court shall consider him or them as the author thereof, and proceed to punish him or them accordingly.

Section VI. (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any law or laws which are hereby altered or supplied, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved March 31, 1806. Recorded in L. B. No. 10, p. 402. See Act March 31, 1860, P. L. 382 and 453, Section 25.

CHAPTER MMDCCXXX.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

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 for the payment of the debts and expenses hereinafter mentioned, there is hereby appropriated out of the funds for the support of government, the following sums, to wit: the sum of twelve hundred dollars, for the redemption of certificates issued under the act, entitled, "An act to provide for the settlement of the public ac-

counts, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the fourth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; (1) the sum of three thousand dollars, for the contingent expenses of the executive department for one year, from the first day of April, in the present year; the sum of one thousand dollars, for the payment of the counsel employed in the case of Springetsbury manor, in the county of York, by a resolution passed the present session; and the sum of twenty-eight hundred dollars to be disposed of as follows: six hundred dollars, part thereof, for the payment of an extra clerk in the office of the register general; one thousand dollars for the payment of an extra clerk, in the office of the secretary of the land office; six hundred dollars for the payment of an extra clerk, in the office of the surveyor general; and the remaining six hundred dollars, for the payment of one clerk, to bring up the books in the office of the receiver general of the land office, which clerk shall be employed entirely for that purpose; and the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, to the secretary of the commonwealth, to pay for certified copies of written evidences taken at Meadville, agreeably to a resolution passed during the present session.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And whereas disputes have arisen between the Pennsylvania claimants, respecting their titles to some parts of the lands embraced by the act passed the fourth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine,(2) and the several supplements thereto, and in consequence of such disputes, many of the certificates to be issued under the said acts, have not and probably will not soon issue: And whereas there is a sufficiency of money in the treasury, to pay and discharge the debts incurred on the part of the state, by virtue of the aforesaid acts; and it being unreasonable that the state should pay interest on a debt which it is thus ready and willing to pay: Therefore, Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no interest shall hereafter accrue on the debts due from the state to Pennsylvania claimants, by virtue of the act passed the fourth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, (2) or by virtue of any supplement, passed to the aforesaid act.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all the monies hereby appropriated shall be paid by the treasurer on warrants drawn by the governor, under the same regulations and restrictions, as are directed by the laws in other cases.

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CHAPTER MMDCCXXXI.

AN ACT TO RAISE BY WAY OF LOTTERY THE SUM OF SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO ENABLE THE COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE CULTIVATION OF VINES TO PAY THEIR DEBTS AND ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECT OF THEIR ASSOCIATION, AND TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ERECTING A SCHOOL HOUSE NEAR SUMMONYTOWN IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whereas the company for the purpose of promoting the cultivation of vines, have represented to the legislature, that in the execution of the plan of their association, they have purchased a piece of ground, and have planted a great number of vines; but that owing partly to their not having obtained the number of subscriptions contemplated, and partly to the delinquency of subscribers, they find themselves unable without aid to pay the debts they have contracted, and to proceed with this interesting experiment: And whereas the exertions they have made as well as the general importance to the state of their object, entitle them to encouragement: 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 Richard Smith, major Anthony Simmons, John Goodwin, Peter Christian, Robert Bethel, Benjamin S. Borton, M. D. and James Vannuxem, or a majority of them, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to raise by way of lottery the sum of seven thousand dollars, to enable the company for the purpose of promoting the cultivation of vines to pay their debts and accomplish the purposes of their association.