

this Commonwealth, shall be construed or understood as a recognition of the title to the late proprietaries to the said lands, or impair the claim of the State to the same, should it so happen that the terms thus agreed on should not hereafter be confirmed by an act of the Legislature.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN STEELE, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER XCV.

An ACT for the more effectual and speedy Recovery of the Debt due from the late John Nicholson to this Commonwealth.

Section 1 **B**E 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 Governor be and

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he is hereby authorized and empowered, on the part of this Commonwealth, to contract with Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Blythe, for the full and complete payment and satisfaction of all

all the liens that this Commonwealth has on the estate of the late John Nicholson; and the Governor is hereby also empowered to take security from the said Nicholson and Blythe, in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars, which security shall remain till the contract is performed and the State is indemnified for the whole amount of the debt due from the estate of the late John Nicholson.

Commonwealth hath on the estate of the late John Nicholson, &c.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the contract to be entered into by the Governor, on the part of this Commonwealth, and the said Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Blythe, for the payment of the liens due to this Commonwealth from the estate of the late John Nicholson, shall be as follows: *to wit,* That the whole be paid in ten equal payments, with interest; the first payment to be made on or before the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and six; the second on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seven; and so on each subsequent payment, to be paid yearly and every year, till the whole amount of the principal and interest, and all the monies already expended in the prosecution of the said debt, and all the fees to the different officers of the State for authenticated records, drafts and other papers hereafter directed to be given, and the taxes hereafter mentioned to be paid, be fully satisfied and paid off.

Terms of the contract.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the taxes now due and owing on the lands of the late John Nicholson, be, and the same is hereby directed to be paid off by the State; which money, so paid for taxes as aforesaid, shall be refunded to the State by Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Blythe, in

Of the payment of the taxes now due on the lands of the late John Nicholson.

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two equal payments, with interest from the first of May next; for the payment of which, as well as for the faithful performance of all the contracts in this act mentioned, the said Nicholson and Blythe shall give security, as mentioned in the first section of this act.

When the Governor may transfer the liens aforesaid to S. Nicholson and S. Blythe.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as soon as the said Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Blythe do make and execute the contract, and give the security in this act mentioned, (which security shall be given in ninety days from the passing of this act) then the Governor of this Commonwealth shall transfer all the liens of this State on the property of the late John Nicholson, as they now exist, to the said Nicholson and Blythe, their heirs and assigns, for ever, as tenants in common.

Certain duties enjoined on the land-officers and others.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the better to enable the said Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Blythe to perform the duties and fulfil the terms of this contract, all the officers of the Land-office, and all the other officers of this State, be, and they are hereby directed to furnish Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Blythe, or either of them, (after they shall have entered into the contract, and given the security before mentioned) with authenticated copies of records, draughts and other papers that they may think necessary, to ascertain the lands of the late John Nicholson, lying in the different counties, and that all fees for the same shall be charged to the said Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Blythe, and be paid by them in the same manner as the debt in the different yearly payments, and secured as mentioned in the first section of this act; and that every person and persons having in his, her or their possession,

possession, any books, documents or papers which belonged to the said John Nicholson at the time of his decease, shall, upon demand, deliver the same to the said Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Blythe, or either of them, taking a receipt or receipts for the same.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That should the aforesaid Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Blythe, neglect or refuse to enter into said contract, and give the security aforesaid, within the time expressed in the fourth section of this act, then it shall and may be lawful for the Governor to contract with any other person or persons, or bodies corporate, on the principles aforesaid, and such person or persons, or bodies corporate, so contracting, shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities, and subject to all the conditions and limitations that the said Samuel Nicholson and Samuel Blythe would have been, had they entered into the contract aforesaid.

In case the said Nicholson & Blythe fail to contract within the time allowed, the Governor authorized to contract with others.

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