

the secretary of the land-office, &c.

were directed to be sold and patented or conveyed by the governor, and for which titles have not yet issued, shall from and after the said tenth day of May next, issue out of said land-office, under similar rules, regulations, and restrictions, by which they at present issue under the directions of the governor; and the powers and duties of the governor in respect to granting such patents and conveyances, are hereby transferred to and vested in the secretary of the land-office; and all the books, records, and papers relative thereto, which are in the custody or possession of the governor and secretary of the commonwealth, or others, shall be deposited with the secretary of the land-office.

Secretary of land-office, and surveyor-general to be appointed for three years. Acts hereby altered and supplied, repealed.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the secretary of the land-office and surveyor-general shall, from and after the said tenth day of May next, be appointed by the governor for three years, but they shall nevertheless be removed from office by the governor, on the address of both houses of the legislature.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the tenth day of May next, all acts and parts of any act or acts which is altered or supplied by this act, shall be and hereby are repealed and made void.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER,

CHAPTER LXIV.

*An ACT to afford immediate relief to John Huton, a soldier in the revolutionary war, and to grant him an annuity.*

WHEREAS it appears to the Legislature by the petition and certificate attached thereto, of John Huton, of Juniata township, in Cumberland county, that he was wounded in the leg in the service of his country, at a place called the Round-about, on Raritan river, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, that he is now old and rendered unable to follow any employment on account of said wound not being healed: Therefore:

\$40 as a gratuity, and 40 dollars annuity payable half-yearly granted to John Huton.

SECTION I *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 sum of forty dollars be and the same is hereby granted to John Huton, to be paid to him or his lawful attorney immediately after the passing of this act, on a warrant drawn by the governor

on the state treasurer, and that an annuity of forty dollars be granted for the use of John Huton, to be paid to Henry Bull, his executor or executors, or his or their lawful attorney, to commence from the first day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and nine, and paid half-yearly to the said Henry Bull, or his executor or executors, or his or their lawful attorney, by the state treasurer, which annuity shall be expended by the said Henry Bull, his executor or executors, in providing clothing and diet for the said John Huton. And it shall and hereby is made the duty of the said Henry Bull, his executor or executors, to make an annual return to the orphans' court of Cumberland county, on oath or affirmation, how, and in what manner, he or they have executed the trust in him or them confided by this act.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.

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CHAPTER LXV.

An ACT Supplementary to an act, entitled “An act to regulate Arbitrations and proceedings in Courts of Justice.”

SECTION I. **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 from and after the first day of June next, it shall and may be lawful for either party, plaintiff or defendant, or their lawful attorney, in all civil actions or suits then brought or that may be brought in any court of this commonwealth to enter at the prothonotary's office a rule of reference, wherein the said party shall state his, her or their determination to have arbitrators chosen on a day certain to be mentioned therein, for hearing and determining of all matters in variance between the parties in such suit or action, which rule shall be entered on record by the prothonotary, and the following proceeding shall be had thereon, that is ; the party entering the rule of reference shall procure from the prothonotary a copy thereof under his hand and seal and serve the same or a copy thereof on the opposite party, his, her or their agent or attorney, or if not to be found, leave a copy thereof at his, her or their last place of abode, giving at least ten days notice in the city and county of Philadelphia, of the day when the arbitrators are to be chosen, and at least twenty days notice of such time in the other counties of this commonwealth ; and the proof of service shall be the oath or affirmation of the person serving the same.

Plaintiff or defendant in any suit may enter a rule of reference at the prothonotary's office—shall state the day when arbitrators are to be chosen. Rule shall be entered on record. Party entering the rule shall procure a copy and serve it upon the opposite party or their legal representatives. Leaving a copy thereof at their proper place of abode, giving notice of the time of choosing arbitrators.