

Philadelphia bank to pay the bills issued by its branches.

Penalty for refusing

President and directors to forfeit \$ 500 for evading the provisions of the original act.

SECT. 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 if the Philadelphia bank shall at any time refuse to pay any bill or bills, note or notes, signed by the president, and countersigned by the cashier, or other person, with or without seal, payable to bearer, and issued under the direction of the said corporation at any of its branches, the act entitled, "An act allowing the Philadelphia bank to establish branches," shall, on conviction thereof, before the mayor or any alderman of the city, be immediately null and void, and all operations in the branches of the said bank, shall at the expiration of four months next after such conviction, cease and determine.*

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case the president and directors of the said bank, shall violate or in any way evade the provisions aforesaid, or any provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, they shall severally on conviction thereof, before any court having competent jurisdiction, forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars for every such offence, one half to be paid to the prosecutor, and the other half to the use of the commonwealth.*

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker*

of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXV.

A Supplement to an 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."

WHEREAS controversies have arisen, and may hereafter arise, between parties claiming the amount of valuation monies, for lands released to the commonwealth, under the act to which this is a supplement, or to part of such valuations either as joint tenants, tenants in common, partners, or otherwise, either under original or derivative titles, contracts, or agreements; and it is doubtful whether the powers of the board of property are competent to decide such controversies, and the appeal given in the third section of the said act is not sufficiently defined, nor any court pointed out to which such appeal shall be made: Therefore

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ably, met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That where any controversy has arisen, or may hereafter arise before the board of property, between any parties claiming the amount of any valuation of lands released to this commonwealth, under the act to which this is a supplement, or any part thereof, either adversely, or as joint tenants, tenants in common, partners, or otherwise, or by any original or derivative title, or under any contract or agreement in law or equity, or if any controversy has arisen, or shall arise, between any parties respecting the appropriation, distribution or payment over of any such valuation monies, it shall be the duty of the board of property, on the demand of any such party, claiming either the whole, or part of such valuation money, or any certain or uncertain interest therein, to direct an issue to the court of common pleas, of the county where the seat of government is, or may be established for the time being, in order to have the rights of such contending parties, fixed and ascertained, and the said court shall mould the said issue, in such manner as shall be calculated to do justice to the contending parties, and so that the whole merits shall be fully and fairly tried, and shall have power to decree; touching the costs of such issue, as to right and justice shall appertain, and whether the same shall be paid by either party, or in proportion among all, and the trial of such issue, and the judgment and decree of the court thereon shall be final, and the board of property shall issue the certificate or certificates, for such valuation monies accordingly. *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent either of the parties, when any suit is brought under the provisions of this act, from a decision by arbitration, agreeably to the existing laws of this commonwealth.

Board of property to direct an issue in certain cases.

When and in what manner.

Certificates to be issued thereon. Proviso.

SECT. II. *And be it further enabled by the authority aforesaid*, That the party demanding such issue shall give due notice thereof, to the adverse party or parties, affidavit of which notice shall be filed with the record, and if such parties do not appear, the said court shall proceed ex parte. *Provided*, That no such issue shall be entered, unless the same shall be demanded in controversies now depending, within two months after passing this act, or in such as hereafter may arise, either at the time of hearing, before the board of property, or in three months after their decision, in case they shall proceed to decide thereon.

Party demanding the issue, to give notice &c Time within which the issue must be entered.

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