

met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the accounting officers be and they are hereby authorized to release John Hewson from the payment of interest on the money he has borrowed from this commonwealth, upon his paying the principal, on or before the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

John Hewson exonerated from the payment of interest on certain money loaned to him by the commonwealth.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XCIV.

An ACT appointing commissioners for the purpose of taking care of the public property at Erie and Waterford, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS by an act passed the eighteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, to provide for laying out and establishing town and out-lots within the several reserved tracts of land heretofore reserved for public uses at Presque Isle, and the commissioners under said law did survey and lay out one tract of sixty acres, on the southern side of the harbour of Presque Isle, for the accommodation and use of the United States, so long as they would actually maintain a fort or some military establishment thereon, and no longer; and whereas another tract of forty-four acres and one hundred and twenty-nine perches, was also surveyed and laid out by said commissioners, for the purpose of erecting mills thereon, and reserved by said law for the use of this state; and the United States did erect a garrison and other buildings on the first mentioned tract, also a saw-mill and store-house on the mill tract reserved by the state, as well as a block-house and barracks on the public lots at the town of Waterford; and whereas the United States have long since ceased to maintain a garrison at Presque Isle, and have also vacated all the buildings and premises aforesaid, and the same are fast going to ruin, no person being authorized to take charge of the same, in order to preserve such buildings as remain on said tracts and lots, and that no damage shall in future be sustained by reason of any person committing trespasses or otherwise damaging the same; Therefore,

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* Thomas Wilson, John Boyd, and John Lytle of Erie county, are hereby appointed commissioners to take charge of said tracts of land, and lots, together with all buildings and improvements thereon erected, and they or any two of them are hereby autho-

Thomas Wilson and others appointed commissioners to take charge of certain land and buildings and

authorized to lease the whole or a part in behalf of the commonwealth. also to bring suits for the recovery of the rents and for trespasses. Proviso. Rents to be paid to the treasurer of Erie county for the use thereof. Commissioners to be compensated for their services.

rized to lease the whole or any part of said premises in behalf of this commonwealth, and receive the rents for the same, and they are also authorized to bring suits for the recovery of said rents and to sue every person or persons trespassing, carrying away, or otherwise injuring the property or buildings, in the same manner that trespassors or felons are sued or prosecuted under the laws of this commonwealth; *Provided nevertheless,* That any and every lease that may be given as aforesaid shall be relinquished at any time that the same may be wanted, for the use of the United States or any other public use, or otherwise appropriated by directions of the legislature.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all rents to be recovered by said commissioners on account of said premises, shall be paid to the treasurer of Erie county, and appropriated to the use of the said county of Erie; and the said commissioners shall receive a reasonable compensation for services they may perform in executing said commission, out of the county stock.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XCIV.

A SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled "*An act taxing certain offices.*"

Prothonotary of the district court of the city and county of Philadelphia, construed to be within the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement.

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 from and after the first day of May next, the office of the prothonotary of the district court, of the city and county of Philadelphia, shall be deemed, taken, and construed to be within the provisions of the act, to which this act is a supplement, and the prothonotary of the said court, subject to the provisions and penalties of the said act, as fully and effectually, as if the said officer and office, were mentioned in the said act.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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

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

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