

CHAPTER CXLVIII.

An ACT constituting a tribunal to relieve the distresses of the disabled, or infirm, and poor revolutionary officers and soldiers, who served in the Pennsylvania line.

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 the secretary of the commonwealth, auditor-general, and state treasurer, or any two of them, be, and they are hereby constituted and erected into a court of inquiry, to ascertain the actual service of such officers and soldiers as shall apply for the benefit of this act, either by themselves or by their legal attorney; and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of said court that any applicant has served in the Pennsylvania line in the revolutionary war, until he was legally discharged, that he has not property above the value of fifty dollars, and from bodily infirmity is rendered unable to earn a living by labour, and has not heretofore been placed on the pension list of this state, or of the United States, it shall be their duty, and they are hereby authorized and required, to place his name in a pension book to be opened by them in their offices, respectively, allowing each applicant so as aforesaid entitled, an annuity not exceeding forty dollars, to be paid by the state treasurer half yearly: *Provided always,* that where any commissioned officer or private has lost a limb in the service of his country, or has been otherwise disabled from earning a living, by wounds received in the actual service, they shall be severally entitled to an annuity not exceeding sixty dollars: *And provided also,* that no applicant shall be entitled to the benefit of this act, who has not served three years or more in said line, unless sooner discharged, on account of wounds or other bodily inability.

Court instituted for trying the claims of old soldiers.

Evidence necessary to support claims.

Pension book to be kept.

Allowance.

Proviso in case of wounds.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if it shall appear to the secretary of the commonwealth, auditor-general, and state treasurer, or any two of them, to be necessary, they shall recommend to the orphans' court of the county within which any such officer or soldier shall reside, whose duty it shall be to appoint some person to be his guardian, removable at any time by said court, and it shall be the duty of such guardian to draw the annuity from the treasury, and apply the same in procuring diet and clothing for the said officer or soldier, and render an account of said expenditure to said court, annually, who are hereby authorized and required to

Of guardians.

How appointed.

May be removed.

Duties of

Accounts to be rendered.

settle and adjust the same, without fees to said court, or to the officers thereof.

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

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

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXLIX.

An ACT appropriating a sum of money for completing the new prison in the city and county of Philadelphia, and for other purposes.

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 the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and is hereby appropriated, to be paid after the first day of August next, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, on warrants drawn by the governor in favour of the board of inspectors of the city and county of Philadelphia, to be by them applied in completing the new prison in the city and county aforesaid, and the payment of debts already accrued in building the same; and the said board of inspectors shall furnish and submit a detailed statement of their accounts to the accountant department, when called upon for that purpose, by the auditor-general, to be settled and adjusted in the usual manner; *Provided always*, that the governor shall have full power to draw warrants for said money in such instalments only, as in his opinion the progress of the work in finishing and completing said prison, will justify, and the public interest require.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That immediately after the said prison shall be completed, and suitable for the admission of prisoners, the said inspectors may if they think proper, cause to be removed thereunto, all or any of the persons, convicted of crimes and misdemeanors, that may be then confined in the prison of the city and county of Philadelphia, and if necessary, to receive into the said new prison, from time to time, all persons of the aforesaid description, that may hereafter be convicted in this commonwealth, and subject to hard labour, by the existing laws, in the jail and penitentiary house of the city of Philadelphia, and the said new prison shall be hereafter, considered, deemed and taken to be the exclusive property of this commonwealth, and subject to such regulations as the legislature may from time to time deem necessary and proper: *And provided*, that so much of the act, passed the second day of April, one thou-

§ 25000 appropriated for completing the new prison in the city and county.

Statement of accounts to be made.

Governor to draw warrants, &c.

Prisoners to be removed.

And convicts to be received into.

Prison to be the property of the commonwealth.

Part of a former act repealed.