

Penalty for offending against this provision.

Manner of recovering fines, &c.

How applied.

Limitation of prosecutions.

if any person or persons shall undertake to draw any seine or net in the said river or its branches as aforesaid, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this section, he or they so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of three hundred dollars for each and every such offence, together with costs; and all fines and forfeitures incurred under this act, shall be recovered as debts of equal amount are or may be by law recoverable, one half of the forfeitures under this act to be for the use of the informer, and the other half to be applied for the purpose of improving the public roads and highways within the proper county in which such offence shall have been committed: *Provided always*, That every prosecution or suit under this act, shall be instituted within three months from the commission of the offence, and not afterwards.

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

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

APPROVED—the sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

THOMAS M'KEAN.

Commissioners appointed under a former act to report their proceedings to the governor;

Who may authorize the sale of such land as the commissioners may specify as the property of the late J. Nicholson subject to the liens of the commonwealth.

Notice of sale to be given. But the Commissioners power of compromise not to be abridged.

CHAPTER LIV.

A SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled "An act for the more speedy and effectual collection of certain debts due to this commonwealth."

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 commissioners appointed under the act to which this is a supplement, shall make report of their proceedings to the Governor, who on approbation thereof, shall issue one or more process to the said commissioners, commanding them or a majority of them to sell such lands or interest in lands as the said commissioners may specify in their report as the property of the late John Nicholson, and subject to the liens of the commonwealth without inquisition; and in all cases of sales so to be made by the commissioners or a majority of them, at least twenty days notice shall be given of the time and place of sale by advertisement in the newspaper printed in the county where the lands respectively lie, if any be there printed, and if not, in the newspaper printed nearest to such county, and also in two papers printed in the city of Philadelphia: Provided, That nothing contained in this section shall operate to abridge the powers of compromise vested in the said commissioners by the fourth section of this act.*

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all cases of sales under this act, the purchaser or purchasers shall pay the amount of the purchase money into the state treasury, and the payment of no part of the purchase money shall be deferred for a longer time than four years, and whenever any part shall be deferred for any length of time within that period which is hereby referred to the discretion of the commissioners, or a majority of them, immediately superintending any sale, such deferred payments shall carry interest from the time of the sale, and shall be secured by bonds given by the purchaser or purchasers with surety, approved by the commissioners or a majority of them as aforesaid, payable to the treasurer of the commonwealth, and delivered to the said commissioners or a majority of them at the time of sale, and the said commissioners or a majority of them shall on the receipt of the bonds aforesaid deliver to every purchaser a certificate of the property sold to him, the time and place of sale and the bonds received, and shall also deliver into the hands of the treasurer within two months from the time of sale, all bonds received for or on account of such sales, and within the same time make a particular return into the office of the secretary of the commonwealth to the process of the Governor of the quantity of land sold, the situation thereof, the price at which it was sold, and how paid or secured, which said process and return shall be carefully registered and filed by the said secretary, who is hereby required upon the application of any purchaser or purchasers, or any person on his or their behalf on production of the certificate aforesaid and the treasurer's receipt for the consideration of the purchase, to make and execute a deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers for the property sold to him or them, as and for such estate as the said John Nicholson had and held the same at the time of the commencement of the liens of the commonwealth against the estate of the said John Nicholson, which said conveyances or copies of the records thereof shall be *prima facie* evidence of the grantee's title: *Provided,* That the respective bodies or tracts of land sold under this act shall be subject to the payment of the purchase money thereof.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said commissioners or a majority of them are hereby authorized and empowered to expose any body of lands late the property of the said John Nicholson late deceased, which are subject to the lien of the commonwealth, to sale under and by virtue of the process to be issued by the Governor as aforesaid, either in gross or by separate tracts as to them or a majority of them may appear most advisable.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said commissioners or a majority of them shall have

Payment of purchase money to be made to the State treasury, and not to be deferred longer than four years.

Interest to be charged on deferred payments, which are to be secured by bond with sufficient surety.

On receipt of bonds the commissioners to deliver to the purchaser a certificate of the property sold, &c. Bonds to be delivered to the treasury.

The secretary upon application and production of certificate, and treasurers receipt shall execute a deed to the purchaser. Subject however to the payment of the purchase money.

Commissioners may expose to sale, any body of land in gross, or by separate tracts as shall appear most advisable.

usual form, and shall be paid by the treasurer, on a warrant or warrants drawn for that purpose by the Governor.

Proceedings
in case the
Company ne-
glect to com-
ply with the
requisitions
of the two
preceding
sections.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the said company shall neglect to comply with the requisitions by the two preceding sections made of them, all those bodies or tracts of land claimed by them, the title to which may be ascertained by the aforesaid commissioners to have been vested in the late John Nicholson at any time antecedent to the twentieth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, shall be considered as abandoned by the said company; and the said commissioners may proceed to sell the same, in the same manner and on the said terms as provided by the first, second, and third sections of this act: *Provided nevertheless,* That if the said commissioners and company shall compromise the difficulties by this act intended to be remedied, this act so far as respects the said company, shall be null and void.

Commission-
ers not to be
charged
with fees for
papers ob-
tained from
the secre-
tary's office.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the commissioners shall have free access to any papers filed or deposited in the aforesaid secretary's office, by virtue of this act, exempt from any fees or charges.

How the
commission-
ers compen-
sation shall
be calculat-
ed.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the compensation of ten per cent. granted to the said commissioners, shall be calculated and allowed only on the amount of the money and bonds, which shall be paid into the state treasury on account of the said John Nicholson's estate.

Repeal of
part of the
former law.

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the fourth, fifth and sixth sections of the act hereby supplied, be, and they are hereby repealed.

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

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

APPROVED—the nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

THOMAS M'KEAN.

CHAPTER LV.

An ACT to incorporate the Lancaster and Susquehanna Insurance Company.

WHEREAS an association of citizens hath been formed under the title of the "Lancaster and Susquehanna Insurance Company," for the purpose of insurance from losses by fire and other risks, and it appearing to the legislature that the agricultural interests and the security of the property and persons of the citizens will be promoted by such institution: Therefore,