

## CHAPTER LXXIII.

*An ACT for the relief of Clement Biddle.*

WHEREAS it appears to the legislature that Clement Biddle, late quarter-master-general and commissary of military stores of this commonwealth, did at various periods of the late Indian war receive and employ for the public service large sums of money, amounting to more than two hundred thousand dollars, all which have been satisfactorily accounted for and adjusted, except a balance of seven hundred and three dollars and forty cents; *And whereas*, it is alleged that this sum was faithfully paid to a certain major M'Cully, then stationed at Pittsburg, for the purchase of rifles for the army, but owing to the removal of the said major M'Cully out of this\* state, and his death soon afterwards the vouchers could not be obtained according to the strict forms at the treasury; but as it is just and reasonable that the commonwealth should not take advantage of a defect of form, if the monies were really expended in public service; 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 the auditor-general and treasurer of this commonwealth be, and they are hereby authorized to settle the accounts of the said Clement Biddle for the said balance, as to them may seem equitable and proper, which settlement shall be deemed valid and conclusive, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Accountant officers authorized to adjust the accounts of Clement Biddle.

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 eleven.

SIMON SNYDER.

## CHAPTER LXXIV.

*An ACT for the relief of Robert Lyon.*

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 state treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to James Laird, for the use of Robert Lyon,

40 dollars granted to Robert Lyon.

\* "This," omitted in the original.

the sum of forty dollars immediately after the passing of this act, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

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 eleven.

SIMON SNYDER.

## CHAPTER LXXV.

An ACT enabling a certain description of Pennsylvania claimants holding lands within the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, to institute suits against the commonwealth.

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 all and every Pennsylvania claimant of lands within the seventeen townships of the county of Luzerne, who had a right to bring a suit or action in the supreme court of this commonwealth against the state, under the provisions of the 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," passed April the fourth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and the several supplements thereto before the fourth Monday of October, one thousand eight hundred and nine, when the act entitled, "A further supplement to an act entitled, "An act to alter the judiciary system of this commonwealth," passed March the eleventh, one thousand eight hundred and nine, came into operation, and had full force and effect, shall from and after the passing of this act, be entitled to the same right of suit or action in the court of common pleas of the county of Luzerne, against this commonwealth, as they possessed in the supreme court, at or before the said fourth Monday of October, one thousand eight hundred and nine, when the said act of the eleventh of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine came into operation and had full force and effect.

Certain description of Pennsylvania claimants in the 17 townships authorized to institute suits against the commonwealth in the court of common pleas in Luzerne county.

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

SIMON SNYDER.