

said work in three years after the passing of this act, or shall not within seven years afterwards complete the said road according to the true intent and meaning of this act, then in either of these cases, all and singular the rights, liberties and franchises hereby granted to the said company, shall revert to this commonwealth.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the thirtieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XCIII.

An ACT for the relief of the widow and children of David Sharpless, deceased, late a soldier in the Pennsylvania line.

WHEREAS it appears that the late David Sharpless, deceased, enlisted for three years or during the war in the service of this state, that he was made a prisoner at the battle of Brandywine, and in endeavouring to effect his escape after having swam the Schuylkill, was shot; 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 proper officers be and they are hereby required to draw and patent to the widow and children of the said David Sharpless, deceased, a tract of donation land.

Land-officers directed to issue a patent to the widow and children of David Sharpless, deceased.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the thirtieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XCIV.

An ACT to empower the trustees of the Meadville seminary of learning to remit a debt due from Patrick Davis, 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 trustees of the Meadville seminary of learning are

Certain power given to the trustees of the

Meadville academy.

hereby authorized to remit the whole or any part of the subscription now reduced to judgment, due to said institution with interest thereon accrued, from Patrick Davis of Meadville, and to adjust and settle demands against the original subscribers in such manner as may appear to them just and reasonable, and best calculated to promote the interest of the institution.

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

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

APPROVED—the thirtieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XCV.

An ACT to provide for the erection of an additional court within the city and county of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS the court of common pleas of the city and county of Philadelphia from the various objects of its jurisdiction and the great increase and accumulation of business, is incompetent to the speedy and effectual administration of justice to the citizens of that district; For remedy whereof,

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 there shall be a court of record established in and for the city and county of Philadelphia by the name and style of, "The district court for the city and county of Philadelphia," which shall consist of a president and two assistant judges, any two of whom, in case of the absence, or inability of the other, shall have power to try, hear and determine all civil pleas and actions, real, personal, and mixed, and for the trial of all such pleas and actions shall have and exercise the same powers, authorities and jurisdiction as are now vested by law in the court of common pleas for the city and county of Philadelphia; *Provided,* That the said court shall have no jurisdiction either originally or on appeal, except where the sum in controversy shall exceed one hundred dollars.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the first Monday of June next, all suits and causes depending in the court of common pleas of the city and county of Philadelphia where the sum in controversy exceeds one hundred dollars, shall be transferred to the said district court, there to be heard, tried and determined and the original jurisdiction of the said court of common pleas of the city and county of Philadelphia, in all civil actions where the

District court for the city and county of Philadelphia to be established.

To consist of a president and two assistant judges.

Any two of whom shall have power to try all civil actions, &c.

Not to have jurisdiction of claims under 100 dollars.

Certain suits now in the common pleas of Philadelphia county to be removed into the district court.

Original jurisdiction of the common pleas to