

CHAPTER CXXXI.

An ACT to cede the occupancy and use of certain lands near Presque-Isle to the United States, for the purpose therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the congress of the United States by an act passed the first day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ten, authorized the erection of a light-house at or near Presque-Isle, and appropriated a sum of money to defray the expense of erecting the same :

SECT. 1. *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 the estate, right, title and interest in law and equity, of, in and to, a piece of land to contain not less than two, nor more than four acres, and the same is hereby granted and vested in the United States of America, for a site to erect a light-house on; That Daniel Dobbins, James Weston and James Pollock are hereby appointed commissioners, and they are required to lay off a piece or lot of land, which lot may be laid off within the reserved tract the property of this commonwealth, lying east of the town of Erie, on the bank of the Lake, at such place and in such form as may be thought most proper to erect a light-house on; (provided the most suitable place can be found on said reserved tract;) and the three commissioners before mentioned shall call on at least three of the captains or commanders of vessels, and obtain their opinions as to the most proper place where a light-house ought to be erected so as to be the most advantage to persons bringing vessels into the harbour or anchorage ground; and the commissioners aforesaid shall view, and lay off a proper site to erect a light-house on, and shall under their hands and seals transmit a plot or draft thereof with the courses and distances of the lot so laid off to the Secretary of the treasury of the United States, before the first day of July next; *Provided,* That it shall be lawful to lay out and open convenient roads through such parts of the said lot as the reasonable accommodation of the state or its citizens may require without injury to the United States, in respect to the true object of the cession; and it is the express intent and meaning of this act, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed, construed, or in anywise taken to cede and transfer unto the United States the

A certain piece of land ceded to the United States to erect a light-house upon

Commissioners appointed.

How the site to be fixed.

And laid off.

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Roads may be laid out, &c.

Usefruct of the land, &c. only granted.

jurisdiction or right of soil in and to the said lot, but only the occupancy and use thereof for the purposes aforesaid.

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

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

APPROVED—the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXXII.

An ACT to authorize the granting of patents on surveys heretofore made and received in the land-office.

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 it shall be lawful for the officers of the land-office to issue patents in the usual manner on surveys made which have been heretofore returned and received by the surveyor-general, notwithstanding any such survey may contain an excess of more than ten per cent. above the number of acres mentioned in the warrants respectively; *Provided,* That no such patent shall be construed to defeat or affect the right or title of any other person or persons which may have accrued by improvement or otherwise, to any such excess.

Patents may issue on certain surveys containing an excess, &c.

Proviso.

Certain Connecticut settlers authorized and allowed to pay all or part of the purchase money, &c.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any Connecticut settler, his, her or their legal representative holding land under the act, entitled, "An act for the purpose of adjusting the titles to lands in Bedford and Ulster townships, in Luzerne and Lycoming counties, passed March nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and ten, who may have received, or shall hereafter receive patents for the same, agreeably to the directions of said act, shall be at liberty at the time of receiving his, her or their patent or patents, or at any time thereafter, to pay the whole of the purchase money and interest due, or any number of instalments due or to become due, with the interest on the principal sum due at the time of said payment.

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