

sylvania title, by patent or location, or a warrant, on which a survey has been executed and returned, agreeable to law, prior to the twenty-eighth day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and who have not released the same to this commonwealth; and whose lands have been surveyed, valued, and certified to a Connecticut claimant, or claimants, under and by authority of the ninth section of the act of assembly, passed the sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and two, and of the act passed the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seven, shall respectively be at liberty to institute a suit or suits in the courts of common pleas, of Luzerne county, against this commonwealth; at which trial the said court and jury shall have power to award a just compensation, without taking into view any improvement made thereon, for the land so taken from such Pennsylvania claimant, under and subject to the same provisos, liberties, privileges, benefits, and advantages, and to be paid and satisfied in the same manner as is prescribed by the ninth section of the act of the sixth of April, one thousand eight hundred and two.

thorized to institute suits against the commonwealth.

How to be compensated.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all suits heretofore brought by Pennsylvania claimants against this commonwealth, for compensation as aforesaid, shall be considered as having been brought under the authority of this act, and all appeals heretofore entered in such suits from the reports of arbitrators, either on the part of the state, or on the part of the Pennsylvania claimants, shall be tried and determined in the manner before prescribed; *excepting nevertheless,* on such causes as may have been tried before arbitrators or otherwise, before the passing of this act, whereon the attorney-general of this commonwealth, on behalf of the same, hath or may deem it proper not to make any further defence: *Provided,* that nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to prevent either party from a trial by arbitration, agreeable to the existing laws.

Suits heretofore brought shall be determined under this act. Of appeals.

Certain causes exempted from the operation of this act. Proviso.

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

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

APPROVED—the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

## CHAPTER XLVI.

*An ACT for the relief of James Wilson, a wounded soldier of the revolution.*

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 authorized

Appropriation in favour of James Wilson.

and required, to pay to James Wilson, or order, immediately after the passing of this act, the sum of forty dollars; and the further sum of forty dollars, per annum, to be paid half-yearly, to the said James Wilson, or his order, during his life; out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to commence from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

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

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

APPROVED—the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

## CHAPTER XLVII.

*A SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled "An act for erecting the town of York, in the county of York, into a borough, for regulating the buildings, preventing nuisances and encroachments on the commons, squares, streets, lanes and alleys of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned."*

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 the duty of the burgesses and assistant burgesses, five of whom, including one burges, shall be a quorum, to hold quarterly meetings on the second Mondays in May, August, November, and February, in each year, and oftener if necessary; at which meetings they shall have power and authority, and it shall be their duty to revise, repeal, or amend such by-laws and ordinances, as have heretofore been made in the said borough; and enact such other by-laws, and make such rules, regulations and ordinances, as shall be determined by a majority of them, necessary to promote the peace, good order, benefit, and advantage of said borough; particularly for regulating the markets, improving and repairing the streets, lanes, alleys, and highways; making permanent rules relative to the foundations of houses, regulating pavements and party walls; with power to assess, apportion, and appropriate such taxes as shall be determined by a majority of them, necessary for carrying on such by-laws, ordinances, and other regulations, into full and complete effect; and to appoint a collector of such taxes, and also a treasurer, and such other officers as from time to time may appear necessary; and the said treasurer and other officers, to remove from office, for any misbehaviour or misdemeanor in office; which meetings shall be held in the court house, until the same shall be altered by the burgesses; *provided,* that no by-law, rule or regulation, so made, shall be repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United

Quarterly meetings to be held.

By-laws, &c. to be revised, repealed, &c.

Streets, lanes, &c.

Taxes.

Collector to be appointed. And other officers.

May be removed, &c.

By-laws not to be repugnant, &c.