

CHAPTER CLXXXIII.

An ACT making compensation to the heirs of Daniel Brodhead, deceased, for certain lands valued and certified to Connecticut claimants in the county of Luzerne.

WHEREAS Daniel Brodhead, deceased, did early in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-five procure a title under seventeen warrants, dated seventeen hundred and ninety-four, for six thousand two hundred and forty acres one hundred and twenty-one perches of land, situate principally in the townships of Plymouth, Kingston and Exeter in Luzerne county: and whereas, it appears that Daniel Brodhead, deceased, had a fair and exclusive title from the state for the aforesaid six thousand two hundred and forty acres and one hundred and twenty-one perches of land as aforesaid, and that the state has received the full amount of the purchase money for the aforesaid lands; 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 state treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay out of any unappropriated money in the treasury to the executor or executors of Daniel Brodhead, deceased, the sum of one thousand six hundred and thirty-nine* and seventy-two cents, for the use of the heirs of the said Daniel Brodhead; provided, that the executor or executors of Daniel Brodhead deceased, release to the commonwealth all the right and title the deceased had in his life time, in and to the lands aforesaid.

1639 dolls. 72 cents to be paid to Daniel Brodhead's executors.

Provido.

JOHN ST. CLAIR, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLXXXIV.

An ACT to prohibit the sale of land for taxes, the property of the commonwealth, or on which the state has a lien, 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 it shall not be lawful for the commissioners of any county within this commonwealth, to sell for taxes, within two years from and after the passing of this act, any land, late the property of John Nicholson, and which was purchased in for the use of the commonwealth, by the commissioners who were authorized

Certain lands of the state to be sold for taxes.

* The word "dollars," evidently appears to have been omitted in the original.

for that purpose ; or any lands of Peter Baynton, upon which the state has a lien ; a list of which lands shall be immediately furnished to the commissioners of the respective counties where such lands may lie, by the secretary of the commonwealth.

Duty of the secretary of the commonwealth.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

That the secretary of the land office and surveyor general, be and they are hereby authorized, on application to them made for that purpose, to sell by separate tracts any lands, late the property of John Nicholson, which have been purchased in for the use of the commonwealth as aforesaid, on such terms, conditions, and for such price as they may be able to ascertain will be just and reasonable ; and shall take bonds for the purchase money, with one or more sufficient sureties and warrant of attorney to confess judgment, payable to the state treasurer for the use of the commonwealth, either at one period or by instalments ; but no payment shall be deferred longer than four years from the date of the purchase, which bonds shall be deposited in the state treasury, and a list thereof furnished to the auditor general, and a copy of the contract or agreement for the sale of any such land, shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth : *provided*, that where any person or persons have settled on any tract of land prior to the passing of this act, the said person or persons, shall have a preference to the purchaser thereof, if the said person or persons shall apply for the same, at any time before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen and in fixing a price for any improved tract of land, where the same is sold to the settler or his legal representative, the improvements made on the land shall not be taken into consideration.

Duty of the secretary of the land office. Sec. to sell certain lands.

And take bonds for the purchase money.

Proviso.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

That whenever any bond taken as aforesaid from any purchaser or purchasers, or the instalments thereof shall become due, the state treasurer shall proceed to recover the same, and the necessary expenses thereof shall be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth, and a copy of the bond and warrant of attorney certified by the state treasurer, shall be as competent evidence thereof as if the bond and warrant of attorney were produced.

Duty of the state treasurer to recover purchase money.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

That as soon as the amount of any bond given as aforesaid, shall have been paid, the state treasurer shall certify the same to the secretary of the commonwealth, who shall thereupon be authorized and required by deed under his hand and seal of the state, to convey the tract or tracts of land, in consideration of which such bond was given to the proper purchaser or purchasers thereof, which conveyance shall pass the estate that the commonwealth derived from the late John Nicholson as aforesaid.

Secretary of the commonwealth to make out deeds, &c.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the secretary of the land office be and he is hereby required to furnish to the legislature, at the commencement of each session, until the sales authorized by this act shall have been completed, a statement of the lands sold within the preceding year, specifying the counties in which they were or shall be situate, and the price for which the tracts were respectively sold.

Further duty of the secretary of the land office.

JOHN ST. CLAIR, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLXXXV.

An ACT for the relief of Timothy O'Neal, Peter Smith, Thomas Brodnox, John Murphy and Philip Kennedy, old soldiers.

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 unto Timothy O'Neal of Indiana county, or order, the sum of forty dollars immediately after the passing of this act, and an annuity of forty dollars, to be paid half yearly during life.

Annuity of 40 dolls. to Timothy O'Neal.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the state treasurer be and he is hereby required to pay to Thomas Brodnox and John Murphy, both of Bucks county, and to Philip Kennedy of Centre, county or their respective orders, the sum of forty dollars each, immediately after the passing of this act.

Gratuities to Thomas Brodnox and John Murphy.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the state treasurer be and he is hereby required to pay unto Peter Smith, late a lieutenant in the revolutionary war, or to his order, the sum of eighty dollars immediately, and an annuity of eighty dollars, to commence on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, to be paid half yearly during his life.

Annuity to Peter Smith.

JOHN ST. CLAIR, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

SIMON SNYDER.