

same is hereby extended to the counties of Erie, Bucks, Westmoreland and Tioga.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XII.

An ACT concerning the patenting of lands.

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 secretary of the land office of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby authorised to settle the accounts of all persons who may apply for patents, either by themselves, their agents or attorneys, and be entitled to the same, on or before the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and who are indebted to the commonwealth for the purchase money of lands and interest due thereon, and on the payment of the usual fees of office, the said secretary of the land office shall issue patent or patents to such persons for his, her or their respective lands, and on the same patent or patents certify the amount of the purchase money and interest due for the land therein described, which aggregate sum shall bear interest from the date of the certificate, and shall be and remain a lien on the said land until the money shall have been paid; and such persons receiving patents as aforesaid, their heirs and assigns, shall be permitted, either at the time of issuing the patents or at any time thereafter, to pay the whole or any part of the interest and of the aggregate sum aforesaid, and receive a credit upon the patent for the same.

Secretary of the land office to certify on the back of patents the amount of principal and interest due, which certificate shall create a lien, &c.

Payments may be made in whole or part, and credit entered therefor.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* said patents and certificates thereon, shall be recorded in the recorder's office of the county in which the land lies, in a book to be provided for that purpose, at the usual fees for the like number of words, which record shall be notice to all persons, and may be used as evidence before any court or magistrate of the sum due to the commonwealth, sufficient to maintain a suit against the patentee, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns: *Provided, That* if the record so as aforesaid directed, should not be made within six months from the date of such patent or patents, the same patent or patents shall be void and of no validity or effect whatever.

Patents and certificates to be recorded in the proper county, &c.

Proviso.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* patents may issue under this act to any trustee or

Patents may issue to trustees, guardians, &c.

trustees holding lands, or to any guardian or guardians of minors duly appointed, or to any executor or executors to whom the sale or disposal of the land to be patented is given by the last will and testament of their testator, for the use and benefit of those entitled, which trustee or trustees, guardian or guardians, executor or executors, are hereby authorised to apply for the same.

Certain duties imposed on secretary of the land office as regards charging interest, &c.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the land office, on the settlement of any account for monies due on lands, other than those due on mortgage or lien, within any part of this commonwealth, except such lands as are situate north and west of the rivers Ohio and Allegheny and Connewango creek, to ascertain the amount of the principal and interest due at the time of passing this act, upon such account, and upon the aggregate amount so found due it shall be his duty to charge interest until the amount of the account shall have been discharged: *Provided,* That any person paying into the treasury of this commonwealth, the amount of money due from him, her or them, on or before the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, or otherwise before the said day complying with the provisions of the three preceding sections of this act, shall be charged interest only on the principal sum due up till the time of such payment, or of receiving a patent agreeably to the three preceding sections of this act: *Provided also,* That if any person obtaining any such patent, shall pay the whole sum due on such patent on or before the first of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, he shall not be charged interest on the aggregate sum due at the time of obtaining such patent, but interest on the principal sum then due only: *And provided also,* That any person who heretofore has obtained any patent on mortgage, and who shall pay the whole sum due on such patent on or before the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, he shall not be charged interest on the aggregate sum due at the time of obtaining such patent, but interest only on the principal sum due thereon.

Proviso in favor of those paying before the 1st May, 1817.

2d proviso in favor of those paying off mortgage before May, 1817.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the recorder of deeds in the respective counties, upon a receipt of the state treasurer produced for the whole of the purchase money and interest charged against any tract of land, shall enter satisfaction upon the record, and the lien against such land shall thereupon cease and determine.

Duty of recorder of deeds.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That an act entitled "An act to encourage the patenting lands, and for other purposes," passed the fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and five, the first section of an act entitled "An act directing the mode of settling accounts in the land office, and to prevent frauds in obtaining warrants for land," passed the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seven, the third and fourth sections of the act entitled, "A further supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants of certain lands within

Certain acts and parts of acts repealed

the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seven, the third and fourth sections of the act entitled, "A further supplement to 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 the twenty-third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, be, and the same are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That nothing herein ^{Proviso.} contained shall be so construed as to interfere with or invalidate any proceeding which may have heretofore commenced or been completed under the acts, or either of them, hereby repealed.

REES HILL, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XIII.

An ACT authorising the appointment of an additional auctioneer within the city and liberties of Philadelphia.

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 Auctioneer from and after the passage of this act, the governor be, and he for sale of is hereby authorised to appoint and commission an auctioneer to books, &c. sell books, stationary, paintings and prints within the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and who shall pay the same duties, give the same security, and be liable to the same regulations and penalties as other auctioneers are under the existing laws of this commonwealth; but nothing in this act contained shall prevent the sale of books, stationary, paintings or prints by other auctioneers legally appointed.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said auctioneer shall have and receive for his expenses and trouble in selling the said articles at public auction, ^{His compensation.} collecting the money, and paying the same over without loss, the sum of seven and one half per centum and no more, but any person may contract or agree with the said auctioneer to pay him for his services in the premises any less rewards which he may be willing to accept.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of any former act or acts as is inconsistent ^{Part of former act repealed.} with this act, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

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