

the right of the respective courts to moderate or remit forfeited recognizances as heretofore.

Repeal.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the act, entitled "An act to amend and consolidate the several acts relating to the settlement of the public accounts, and the payment of the public monies, and for other purposes," passed the *thirteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and to which this is a supplement, as is hereby altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER CXLVIII.

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act, entitled "An act for directing the mode of distributing the donation lands promised to the troops of this commonwealth."

WHEREAS by the act to which this a supplement, the Surveyor General was directed to survey into lots of different dimensions, lands given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line for their services during the revolutionary war, certain unappropriated lands lying north and west of the rivers Allegheny and Ohio. And whereas in pursuance of the provisions of the law, ten districts of donation lands were laid off, surveyed and returned into the Surveyor General's office, designated and known by ten separate drafts all of which remain on record, and patents in pursuance of those surveys have been issued to persons entitled to them, according to their respective numbers as marked in each district and represented by the marks on the corners of lots, and numbered on the several drafts of each district. And whereas great difficulty exists in ascertaining the respective tracts, in consequence of the obliteration of the marks on the corner trees from a variety of causes, either by lapse of time, the burning of the woods, or the improper conduct of persons

* This should be THIRTIETH.

interested or mistaken in their views. And whereas in ascertaining the respective lots it is not only proper, but very necessary that the respective owners should be governed by the general drafts and the records of the state.

Therefore,

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 from and after the passing of this act, that in all cases of dispute or controversy respecting any boundary or boundaries in any or either of the donation districts respecting any lot or lots therein, as marked, surveyed and returned into the Surveyor General's office in pursuance of the act, entitled "An act for directing the mode of distributing the donation lands promised to the troops by this commonwealth," passed the twenty-fourth day of March seventeen hundred and eighty-five, the general drafts of the said surveys as returned into the Surveyor General's office shall be the evidence of the location of the respective lots, and official copies of the said drafts or any or either of them, or of any part or parts thereof, shall be evidence before any court of competent jurisdiction, in order to designate the situation of any or every lot so far as regards its relative situation with the other lots.

General drafts of surveys in the donation districts returned to the surveyor general's office, made evidence of the location of lots.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the deputy surveyor of the proper district or county, on application made to him by any person interested to run and distinctly mark the lines of any lot or lots, and to remark the original corners agreeably to the true meaning and intention of the first section of this supplement; and in order to carry this into effect, it shall be the duty of the Surveyor General to furnish each deputy surveyor, free of expense, with a certified copy of the general draft of the donation lands so far as they lie in his district or county, which shall be open to the inspection of any person or persons they paying the customary fees: *Provided,* That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to affect the rights of bona fide purchasers in cases where the original marked lines can be ascertained.

Duty of deputy surveyors to run and distinctly mark the lines and remark the corners.

Proviso.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.