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given by the said act shall only extend to lands of which the claimant shall have had the possession, and upon which there shall have been an actual settlement on the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and continued until the time when application shall be made for the same.

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

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER CVIII.

*AN ACT*

To prevent the removal of flag staffs, beacons or buoys in any of the navigable streams within this commonwealth.

Penalty for injuring, &c. flags, buoys, &c. in navigable streams.

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 if any person or persons shall wilfully or maliciously take down, injure, remove, or in any manner damage or destroy any flag, flag staff, beacon, buoy, or other way marks, or water maks, which now are or hereafter may be put up, erected, or placed in any of the streams that are or may be declared public highways within the jurisdiction of this commonwealth, under the direction or by order of any commissioners appointed, or hereafter to be appointed to superintend the expenditure of any appropriation made by the legislature for the improvement of the navigation of any of the said streams, shall upon due proof made in the usual manner before any court of quarter sessions having competent jurisdiction, and on conviction thereof forfeit and pay for every such offence, any sum not less than twenty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, and be liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding six months; and the fines and forfeitures so accruing shall be paid into the treasury of the proper county, and so much thereof as will be necessary to replace or repair the flag, flag staff, beacon, buoy*

How appropriated.

or other way mark, or water mark so destroyed or injured shall be applied to that purpose.

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

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

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CHAPTER CIX.

*AN ACT*

Concerning the payment of taxes on donation lands belonging to original holders, and for other purposes.

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 in all cases where taxes have been heretofore assessed on donation lands, granted as a reward for the services of certain officers and soldiers during the revolutionary war, and which were by law exempted from taxation and such taxes have been or may be refunded by the commissioners of the county in which such lands are situated, to any officer or soldier, upon the amount of such taxes so refunded being ascertained by the officers of the accountant department from competent testimony, the Auditor General shall and he is hereby required to draw his warrant or warrants on the State Treasurer in favor of the commissioner of the counties respectively for the amount of the sum so ascertained to have been refunded, and any sum not exceeding four thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for that purpose, and if it shall appear to the officers aforesaid that the aggregate amount of taxes so refunded is above that sum, they shall then direct the Auditor General to draw his warrant in favor of the commissioners of the respective counties for the average amount of four thousand dollars, in the proportion that the sums due the several counties bears to the whole amount, and in future no taxes to be assessed in manner aforesaid, shall be paid out of the state treasury: *Provided,* That if any of the tracts of land of the above description shall have been assessed four fold under the act, entitled "A supplement to

Taxes refunded by the county commissioners to be repaid to them by the state treasurer.

4,000 dollars appropriated therefor.

Provision in case the taxes exceed this sum.

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