

1788. rally forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds, with costs of suit, for every such offence, to be recovered by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in the Supreme Court, or in any court of Common Pleas, at the suit of any person who will sue for the same, one moiety thereof, when recovered, for the use of the plaintiff, the other moiety for the use of the poor of the city, township or place, from which such husband or wife, parent or child, shall have been taken and removed.

Penalty on forcibly carrying off a slave or servant for term of years.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid.* That if any person or persons shall, from and after the passing of this act, by force or violence, take and carry, or cause to be taken and carried, or shall by fraud seduce, or cause to be seduced, any negro or mulatto, from any part or parts of this state, to any other place or places whatsoever, with a design and intention of selling and disposing, or of causing to be sold, or of keeping and detaining, or of causing so to be, as a slave, or servant for term of years, every such person and persons, their aiders and abettors, shall on conviction thereof in any court of Quarter Sessions for any city or county within this commonwealth, forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred pounds to the overseers of the poor of the city or township, from which such negro or mulatto shall have been taken or seduced as aforesaid, and shall also be confined at hard labour for any time not less than six months, nor more than twelve months, and until the costs of prosecution shall be paid.

[This act to be publicly read. [Obsolete.]

[SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the justices of the courts of Common Pleas for the counties of this state, respectively, be, and they are hereby required and enjoined to cause this act to be publicly read, at least twice in each term, for the two terms next following the passing of this act.]

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CHAPTER MCCCXXXVII.

An ACT for facilitating the redemption of the bills of credit, emitted in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and for redeeming part of the funded debt of this state, for extending the time for patenting lands which were located before the declaration of independency, and for giving a right of pre-emption to actual settlers for procuring warrants for lands by them occupied.

[See ante. page 102, chap. 1083, and the notes thereto subjoined.] [This act is obsolete, but is retained as part of the history of the Land-Office.]

SECT. I. WHEREAS, in and by an act of General Assembly of this commonwealth, passed the twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, entitled “An act for facilitating the redemption of the bills of credit, emitted in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and for redeeming part of the funded debt of this state, by the speedy collection of the arrearages due for unpatented lands, which were located before the declaration of independency;” wherein it is enacted, that if any person entitled to lands within this state, and yet remaining unpatented, shall refuse or neglect to pay or secure

the purchase money, or arrearages thereof, with interest, every such person, so refusing or neglecting, shall be barred and precluded from all the benefit intended by this act, with respect to further time of payment, and the mode of such payment, and shall be forthwith prosecuted and proceeded against by the sale of his said lands according to law, as if this act had not been made :

And whereas the before recited act, by its own limitation, expires the tenth day of April next within which time so limited the citizens cannot obtain a confirmation of their grants, it is therefore deemed expedient further to extend the same :

SECT. II. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the time limited in the act above recited for paying or securing to the state the payments for lands held or claimed by any citizen of this commonwealth by location, or any other office right, obtained before the tenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and yet remaining unpatented, be, and hereby is extended, to every matter and thing contained in the act aforesaid, to the tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

Period for patenting certain lands extended.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every person entitled to demand a patent for land in this state, on paying one fourth part of the amount of the purchase money now due, with the interest thereon, in lawful money of this state, or in the bills of credit emitted by virtue of an act passed the seventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, together with the whole of the office fees, in current lawful money, shall, at his option, pay the residue of such purchase money and interest in lawful money, or bills of credit aforesaid, or in funded certificates of this state, on which certificates the interest shall be computed and allowed till the time of such payment.

The purchase money how to be paid;

Provided nevertheless, That such payment or payments be made and completed before the tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

and when completed.

And whereas, by an act passed the thirtieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, entitled "An Act for giving, during a limited time, a right of pre-emption to the actual settlers within this state;" and as said act, by its own limitation, will expire the tenth day of April next, and as it is deemed just and reasonable that the actual settlers within this state, who have not procured warrants for the lands by them occupied, should be allowed longer time for completing the same.

SECT. IV. *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the act above recited, be, and hereby is extended, in every matter and thing, to the tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

The period of pre-emption extended.