

1791. declared to be, the great and less seals of this commonwealth, and shall be affixed accordingly, under the direction of the governor. (g)

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Passed 8th January, 1791.—Recorded in Law Book, No. IV. page 126.

(g) See the notes to chap. 149, vol. 1, page 49, and the act to perpetuate the great seal of the commonwealth, passed 2d of March, 1809, and the description thereof in pursuance of said act, recorded in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, 1st of July, 1809. The seal of the secretary of the Land-Office is now to be applied to all land warrants by the 8th section of the act abolishing the office of Receiver-Gen-

eral, &c. passed 29th of March, 1809.

By the 6th section of an act passed 11th of April, 1807, chap. 2857, it is made the duty of the secretary of the commonwealth to sign all tavern and marriage licences. And see the 19th section of an act passed 30th of March, 1811, consolidating the accounting department, and the note to chap. 1521. *post.*

CHAPTER MDXI.

An ACT for instituting a board of property, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

The board of property constituted. To execute the duties of the former board.

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, [the Receiver-General,] the Surveyor-General, and [Master of the rolls,] for the time being, or any [three] of them, shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed a Board of Property, with authority to exercise all the powers, under the same rules and regulations, as granted to the Board of Property instituted by an act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, passed the fifth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, entitled "An Act to vest certain powers in the president of this state, together with the other officers therein named, and for other purposes therein mentioned."* And the secretary of the Land-Office is hereby empowered to appoint days of hearing, and grant citations, at the reasonable request of any person or persons applying for the same, or otherwise, as the case may require.

Secretary to appoint days of hearing, &c.

Land-Office warrants to be signed by the Governor, &c. (This section repealed, and supplied.)

Patents, in what form to be granted. (So much as is between crotchets, repealed and supplied, see note.)

[SECT. II. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act, all warrants issuing out of the Land-Office of this commonwealth shall be under the lesser seal of the state, and signed by the governor.*]

SECT. III. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all patents issuing under the authority of this commonwealth shall be by deed poll, and shall be signed by the [governor, and countersigned by the secretary appointed, or to be appointed, conformably to the fifteenth section of the second article of the constitution, or by the] secretary of the Land-Office, [and under the great seal of the state,] and being in the following style, viz. "The commonwealth of Pennsylvania, To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:"* and then continue in the usual form.

Under what seal patents, &c. issue.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, [That the governor shall cause the lesser seal of the state to be af-*

fixed to all warrants, and the great seal to all patents issuing as 1791. aforesaid.]

SECT. v. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* (Repealed and suppli- ed.) *this act shall continue in force until the first day of December next, and from thence to the end of the next session of the General As- sembly, and no longer.* (h) *Limitation of this act (extended.)*

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(h) See chap. 953. vol 2, page 13, and the notes thereto subjoined; and also the notes to chap. 1083, vol. 2, page 102, respecting the Land-Office, generally.

By the seventh section of the act of 29th of March, 1809. The secretary of the commonwealth, the secretary of the Land-Office, and Surveyor-General, or any two of them, are constituted a Board of Property, and vested with the same powers as are given by the act in the text, or any subsequent law.

By section eight of said act, the secretary of the Land-Office is directed to prepare a seal, to be styled "The seal of the Land-Office of Pennsylvania."

which shall be applied to all patents, warrants, and other papers authenticated in said office; and all patents and warrants which shall issue thereafter, shall be signed by the said secretary, and the patents attested by his deputy or first clerk.

Section 9. The said secretary is also vested with the powers of the governor as to issuing patents for reserved tracts, and for town lots, or outlots, laid out and sold, or to be sold, under the laws of the state, north and west of Ohio, &c. which were directed to be sold, patented and conveyed by the governor, and for which titles have not issued, &c.

CHAPTER MDXV.

An ACT to authorize the speaker of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives to draw warrants on the state treasurer, for the purposes therein mentioned.

SECT. I. **WHEREAS** by the new distribution of the legislative powers of government into two branches, it becomes necessary to make provision for the separate support of the contingent and other charges of the two houses of the General Assembly:

SECT. II. *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 speaker of the senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall be, and they are hereby fully empowered severally, to draw their warrants on the state treasurer for the wages and mileage of the members of the General Assembly, for the pay of their respective officers, and for their incidental expenses; which warrants, being duly countersigned, and entered in the same manner as warrants drawn by the governor, shall be available to the state treasurer, in the settlement of his accounts with the commonwealth, for the sums expressed therein.

The speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives to draw for the wages, &c. of the respective houses.

SECT. III. *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* the treasurer be, and he is hereby enjoined to pay the said warrants of the speaker of the Senate, and of the speaker of the House of Representatives, out of the monies that are or may be, appropriated for the defraying the expenses of government.

Out of what fund, such drafts to be paid.

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