

of this commonwealth for regulating and establishing fees shall be, 1795.  
and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed 20th April, 1795.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 9. (S)

fees repeal-  
ed.

(S) By act of 16th March, 1798, (chap. 1967,) the Inspector of staves and heading shall receive from the exporter, for every customary thousand, thirteen cents in addition to his former fees.—To continue for two years; but made perpetual, by act of 15th March, 1800, (chap. 2125.)—25 cents, by act of 20th March, 1810.

Fees of Inspector of flour—act of 16th March, 1798, (chap. 1964,) and act of 15th March, 1800, (chap. 2133.)

Fees of Surveyor-General's office regulated by act of 8th April, 1799, (chap. 3053.)

Sheriff to give a bill of particulars of his fees, and a receipt on payment thereof, whether demanded or not, and penalty on failing so to do, &c.—Act of 28th March, 1803, (chap. 2355.)

Mode of proceeding to recover the office fees due on patents and warrants, remaining in the office of the Secretary of the Land-Office.—Act of 29th March, 1803, (chap. 2359.)

Fees on issuing land warrants to be four dollars and fifty cents. Fees to be paid into the treasury, accruing from the duties formerly annexed to the Rolls-office, and other fees, by the Secretary of the commonwealth, &c. Ten dollars fees to be received on each and every patent.—Act of 29th March, 1809.

By act of 25th December, 1809, no fee shall be received in the Surveyor-General's office for filing and directing a warrant, and the whole amount of money to be paid on issuing, filing and directing a warrant, shall be four dollars and fifty cents. But this act not to affect the payment of the surveying fees directed to be paid by certain Connecticut settlers.

For the alteration in the fees in criminal prosecutions, see notes to penal laws.

And see the General Index, titles, "Fees," "Costs."

## CHAPTER MDCCLIII.

*An ACT to provide for the payment of clerks in the offices of the Surveyor-General, Receiver-General, and Secretary of the Land-Office, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

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 following annual allowance shall be made to the public officers hereafter mentioned, for the purpose of employing clerks, in their respective offices, to wit; to the Surveyor-General, the sum of twenty hundred dollars; to the Secretary of the Land-Office, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars; to the Receiver-General of the Land-Office, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars; which sums of money shall be accounted for by the respective officers aforesaid on the first day of January, annually, with the Comptroller-General and Register-General; and if any part of either of the said sums should not be expended in employing clerks, the same shall be paid into the treasury of the state.

Allowance  
for clerk-  
hire in the  
Land-Office.

[SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That besides the allowances made by the preceding section of this act, the Governor is hereby vested with a discretionary power, on application of either of the officers before mentioned, to authorize the employment of additional clerks, whenever the business of the said offices requires it; provided the expense does not exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars in any one year.]

Additional  
allowances  
may be  
made, not ex-  
ceeding a  
certain sum.

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**SECT. III.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this act, it shall be the duty of the Surveyor-General to cause to be entered, in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name of each person applying for a patent or patents, the number of patents applied for by him, and the time when such application is made, which book shall be open to the inspection of any person applying to view the same; and the Surveyor-General, Receiver-General, and Secretary of the Land-Office, are hereby enjoined to cause the said patents to be made out, and the business thereof completed, as it respects their respective offices, agreeably to the priority of applications for the same, without respect to persons, unless the issuing of such patent is stayed by caveat being entered against the title of the person applying for the same, or other legal objections: *Provided always,* That if any citizen of this commonwealth, who shall reside at any distance not less than one hundred miles from the city of Philadelphia, shall apply for any number of patents, not exceeding three, he shall be entitled to a preference, but that preference shall not be granted twice to the same person.

**SECT. IV.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person employed as a clerk, in either of the offices aforesaid, shall take or receive any fee, gratuity, or sum of money whatever, for doing or transacting any business relating to the said office, whether in either of the said offices, or any other place, such persons shall, on conviction, forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by action of debt, one half of which shall be for the benefit of the informer, and the remainder to the use of this commonwealth; and the person so offending shall not be permitted to serve as a clerk in either of the offices aforesaid.

**SECT. V.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of any former laws, as appropriates money for the purpose of employing clerks in either of the offices aforesaid, shall be void, and also so much of any other law as is altered or amended by this act.

**SECT. VI.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the second section in this act shall continue in force one year from and after the passing of the same, and no longer.

Passed 20th April, 1795.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 24.

A register of applications for patents to be kept by the Surveyor-General.

The patents to issue according to the priority of application;

except in case of persons residing at a distance.

Penalty on clerks taking fees for business in the Land-Office.

Former allowances to clerks rescinded.

Limitation of the second section.