

(Section IX, P. L.) And whereas a considerable number of the said inhabitants have, with great courage and fortitude, stood their ground, on the verge of the frontiers, at the hazard of their lives, and thereby formed in some measure a barrier to the flying inhabitants and eventually prevented the enemy from penetrating into the interior parts of the state:

[Section VIII.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the greater encouragement of such as have stood, and will hereafter so stay on their plantations, at the verge of the frontiers, at the hazard of their lives, that it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, in like manner as aforesaid, to exonerate and discharge from the payment of taxes, either in whole or in part, as shall seem to them just and reasonable, all such as have so stood and will hereafter in like manner stand in defense of the frontiers.

[Section IX.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners, or any two of them, shall transmit without delay to the general assembly a list of the names of the persons so exonerated, stating the amount of the sum or sums so remitted, that the deficiencies which may arise in raising the quotas of the said counties may be made good and provided for in levying and raising the other taxes of the state.

Passed December 22, 1781. See the Act of Assembly passed January 27, 1797, Chapter 1913.

CHAPTER CMLVII.

AN ACT FOR THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT, AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, those who dedicate their time and abilities to the service of the public ought to receive a reasonable compensation:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) 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 following annual salaries shall be allowed to the several officers of the state, hereinafter mentioned, to commence on the twenty-second day of June last past, and to continue for the space of one year, and until the same shall be afterwards altered by the legislature; to be paid to them severally on their receipts, or on their drafts, quarterly, on the treasurer of the state. That is to say:

To the president of the supreme executive council or commander-in-chief of the forces of this state, for the time being, the sum of twelve hundred and fifty pounds.

The vice-president, the sum of five hundred pounds.

The chief justice, the sum of nine hundred pounds.

The second justice of the supreme court, the sum of four hundred pounds.

The third and fourth justices of the supreme court, the sum of three hundred pounds each.

The attorney-general, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds.

The secretary of the supreme executive council, being register of forfeited estates, including the expense of clerks, the sum of five hundred pounds. Provided always, That all fees appertaining to the office of said secretary of the supreme executive council shall be paid quarterly by the secretary into the hands of the state treasurer for the use of the state.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the following wages shall be allowed to and paid to the persons hereinafter mentioned, to wit:

To the delegates or deputies of this commonwealth in the Congress of the United States of America, for every day's attendance in the public service, each the sum of one pound ten shillings.

The members of the supreme executive council, other than the president and vice-president for every day's attendance, each the sum of seventeen shillings and six pence.

The speaker of the house of assembly, for each day's attendance, the sum of one pound two shillings and six pence.

The other members of the house of assembly, for every day's attendance, each the sum of fifteen shillings.

The clerks of the house of assembly, for every day's attendance, the sum of one pound.

The serjeant-at-arms, for every day's attendance, the sum of ten shillings.

The door-keeper of the council and the door-keeper of the house of assembly, each the sum of ten shillings for every day's attendance.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every delegate in Congress and member of council shall be further allowed, towards his traveling charges, after the rate of six pence per mile, once in every three months, in coming in and going from the places where the Congress and council shall respectively sit, provided he shall so often actually visit his family; and that every member of assembly shall be further allowed, towards his traveling charges, after the same rate, once in each sitting of the house; which said wages and traveling expenses shall be paid by the treasurer of this state to the delegates representing this state in Congress, and to the members of the council and their door-keeper, on the drafts of the president or vice-president in council; and to the speaker and other members of assembly, to the clerk of the assembly, serjeant-at-arms and door-keeper, on the drafts of the speaker of the house, signed in assembly.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of any act of assembly heretofore made as declares what salaries shall be paid to the several officers of government and what wages shall be allowed to the speaker and other members of assembly, to the delegates representing this state in Congress, to the members of council and others herein specially mentioned shall be and is hereby repealed.

Passed December 27, 1781. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 264. See the Acts of Assembly passed February 25, 1783, Chapter 1005. The Act in the text was repealed by Acts of Assembly passed March 25, 1785, Chapter 1142; September 17, 1785, Chapter 1185.