

[Section II.] (Section V, P. L.) Provided always, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to extend to the exempting of the said John Gosline, otherwise called John Gosling, from suffering any punishment, penalty or forfeiture, for any treason or misprision of treason of which he shall be convicted upon a trial by jury, and to which he shall be sentenced by judgement of court.

Passed March 13, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 56, etc.

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## CHAPTER MXIII.

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AN ACT TO PREVENT AND STAY SUITS FROM BEING BROUGHT AGAINST THE INHABITANTS OF WYOMING DURING THE TIME THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas commissioners duly authorized and appointed agreeable to the ninth article of the confederation of the United States to hear and determine the controversy between the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the state of Connecticut, have adjudged and decreed, "That the jurisdiction and pre-emption of all the territory lying within the charter boundary of Pennsylvania and claimed by the state of Connecticut, do of right belong to the state of Pennsylvania."

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas this house, taking into consideration the situation of the present settlers under the late claim of the state of Connecticut, at that part of Wyoming eastward and northward of Nescopeck Falls, on the east branch of Susquehanna, have agreed to send commissioners to make inquiry into the cases of the said settlers, and to encourage as much as possible reasonable and friendly compromises between the parties claiming; and therefore it is highly improper that any proceedings at law should be had for the recovery of any lands or tenements during the said inquiry.

[Section I.] (Section III, 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 every writ and process whatever granted or issued or which may hereafter be granted or issued for any owner or owners, claimant or claimants, against any person being now an inhabitant on said lands at Wyoming, in order to disposes any of the said inhabitants or settlers of the lands or tenements in his, her or their occupancy, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be stayed; and on motion all further proceedings thereon shall be quashed by the court to which such writ shall be returnable, until the report of the said commissioners shall be laid before this house, and order shall be taken thereupon.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall be and continue in force until the end of the next sitting of general assembly and no longer.

Passed March 13, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 57, etc. Repealed by the Act of Assembly passed September 9, 1783, Chapter 1030.

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## CHAPTER MXIV.

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### AN ACT TO PREVENT AND DISCOURAGE THE DESERTION OF SAILORS FROM THE FLEETS OF HIS MOST CHRISTIAN MAJESTY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the laws to prevent desertion from the fleets of his most Christian Majesty have hitherto been found defective.

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That any person or persons within this commonwealth, who shall promote or encourage the desertion of any sailor from any ship or vessel of war belonging to his most Christian Majesty, or shall harbor or conceal any deserter, knowing him to be such, from any of the ships or vessels as aforesaid, every such person so of-