

shall then be considered as a joint compact between the said states and the citizens thereof respectively, and be forever thereafter irrevocable by either of the said contracting states, without the concurrence of the other.

In witness whereof we the commissioners of the aforesaid states have set our hands and seals to two instruments of the agreement, one for each state, dated this twenty-sixth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Abraham Clark	(L. S.)	George Bryan	(L. S.)
Joseph Cooper	(L. S.)	George Gray	(L. S.)
Thomas Henderson	(L. S.)	William Bingham	(L. S.)

[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 aforesaid agreement and every article, clause, matter and thing therein contained shall be and the same is hereby fully and amply ratified and confirmed and shall be and ever hereafter remain in force, agreeably to the true tenor and extent thereof.

Passed September 20, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 151, etc. See the Act of Assembly passed September 25, 1786, Chapter 1245.

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## CHAPTER MXXXVI.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN MONEYS ARISING FROM THE EXCISE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL INTEREST DUE ON UNALIENATED CERTIFICATES THEREIN MENTIONED," PASSED THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH LAST.<sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas doubts have arisen concerning [the meaning of] the fourth section of the act for appropriating certain moneys arising from the excise for the payment of the annual interest due upon unalienated certificates therein men-

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<sup>1</sup> Passed March 31, 1783, Chapter 1024.

tioned, whether provision hath thereby been made that the certificates which have remained unalienated until the first year's interest hath been or may be paid; shall entitle the bearer thereof to receive the interest which may afterwards accrue thereupon:

For remedy whereof,

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it 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 possessor or possessors of all such depreciation certificates as shall have had one year's interest paid thereon agreeable to the act aforesaid, shall, from and after the tenth day of April next which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and from and after the tenth day of April in each and every succeeding year, be entitled to receive one year's interest annually arising thereupon; and the comptroller general of this state is hereby authorized and directed to report to the supreme executive council the names of the person or persons so applying and the sums due to them respectively and the names of the persons for whose depreciation of pay the certificates respectively were granted and the supreme executive council shall thereupon order payment thereof in the manner prescribed by the act to which this is a supplement.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas it hath been found by experience that requiring each and every [person] applying for the payment of the first year's interest of his or her depreciation certificate or certificates to attend personally and make oath before the comptroller general that the same hath not been transferred or alienated is attended with great expense and inconvenience to such as live remote which may be prevented by appointing proper persons in the respective counties to administer the oath directed to be taken by the act aforesaid.

[Section II.] Therefore be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the prothonotaries of the respective counties (Philadelphia, Bucks and Chester excepted) be and they are hereby authorized and empowered in their several and respective counties to administer the oath or affirmation aforesaid to each and

every person applying for the benefit of the act aforesaid, and to examine witnesses touching the alienation of any certificate produced to any of them, and shall certify the same to the comptroller general who shall thereupon proceed to settle and report for payment the interest of such certificates produced to him which shall have been thus attested to in the same manner as if the persons had personally attended and made oath before him, anything contained in the act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Section IV, P. L.) And whereas sundry of the officers of the line of this state, and of the military hospital, in order to accommodate other officers of the said line have received a third part of the amount of their certificates in state money, who would otherwise not have done it, and given the same to the officers who wished to receive a greater proportion in state money than could be paid to them agreeable to law, at the same time receiving as much of the certificates for depreciation from the officers to whom they gave the state money, as amounted to the sum which they had respectively drawn, upon which certificates they are at present deprived from receiving the interest. And whereas in payment for forfeited estates purchased by officers in partnership, where each realized a part of his certificate in proportion to the amount of the certificates and the amount of the sales, several officers have paid the whole of their certificates to the agents of the forfeited estates in discharge of the purchase money, for want of change, and the company accounts have afterwards been settled, by repaying those officers that part of their certificates which they had not realized, in the divided parts of the certificates of those officers who had paid no part of the sales to the agents aforesaid, which being thus transferred, all are at present prevented from receiving the interest thereof:

In order therefore that justice may be done in these cases:

[Section III.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That where any officer possessed of the certificate [issued] for the depreciation of the pay of another officer, and which have been heretofore transferred to him in manner aforesaid, shall apply for the interest of the same, and it shall appear to the comp-

troller general by evidence or otherwise that the certificates were bona fide received by the person producing them, either in exchange for a like sum of state money, drawn to accommodate his brother officer, or in the purchase of forfeited estates from the divided parts or certificates of officers in the partnership, and not otherwise, the said comptroller general shall report for payment the interest thereof, in like manner with other certificates which remain unalienated.

Passed September 20, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 154, etc.

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#### CHAPTER MXXXVII.

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AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF WILLIAM BROWN, AN INSOLVENT DEBTOR CONFINED IN THE GAOL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR DEBT.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas William Brown, late of the city of Philadelphia, baker, by his petition to this house, hath stated that by certain unforeseen events he suffered divers losses which rendered him unable to discharge the debts he had contracted, but that he was nevertheless desirous of doing justice to his creditors so far as lay in his power, for which purpose he assigned, conveyed and assured to trustees, for the use of his creditors a considerable real and personal estate in the state of New Jersey where he then resided, in the city of Philadelphia in this state, and in the county of Sussex in the state of Delaware, all which was sold for the benefit of his creditors at public sale, but for a price far below the first cost, and the respective value of them; by means whereof the whole of his [said] debts was not discharged, but the net proceeds of his estate was distributed among his creditors in proportion to their debts, after which one or more of his said creditors commenced process at law against him in the county of Gloucester in New Jersey aforesaid, by virtue whereof he was confined in the gaol of that county upwards of twelve months, until the legislature passed