

CHAPTER MCCXXIV.

AN ACT FOR THE PRESENT RELIEF AND FUTURE ENDOWMENT OF DICKINSON COLLEGE IN THE BOROUGH OF CARLISLE AND COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND IN THIS STATE AND FOR RESERVING PART OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED LANDS BELONGING TO THE STATE AS A FUND FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AGREEABLY TO THE FORTY-FOURTH SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas by the forty-fourth section of the constitution of this state it is provided that "a school or schools shall be established in each county by the legislature, for the convenient instruction of youth with such salaries to the masters paid by the public as may enable them to instruct youth at low prices, and all useful learning shall be duly encouraged and promoted in one or more universities," which wise regulations in the present embarrassed state of public credit cannot be carried into immediate execution, but every encouragement in the reasonable power of the state is due and ought to be given to those who upon their private credit or by general subscription shall promote the institution of seminaries of useful learning:

And whereas a number of citizens of this state, impressed with the utility of establishing a seminary of learning for the benefit of the inhabitants in the western counties opened a subscription for that purpose which was liberally encouraged by divers well disposed subscribers upon whose application to the legislature a law was passed on the ninth day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three whereby a public seminary of learning was founded, established and incorporated in the borough of Carlisle by the name, style and title of Dickinson College which under the care and good management of the trustees is rapidly growing and promises to be of great advantage by largely diffusing the liberal arts:

And whereas it appears by the representations of the said trustees that the number of pupils now incumbent upon their studies in the different branches of literature in the said school is so great that the infant funds of the institution are

not sufficient to provide them with accommodations, wherefore they have prayed the temporary aid of this and a former house of assembly and also that provision may be made for a more permanent endowment for the future support thereof and this house sensible of the high importance of training up a succession of youth in useful and liberal knowledge to qualify them for filling the places of their elders and predecessors who in the usual course of nature must gradually be called from the active duties of this life have thought it expedient to comply with their prayer with a moderate donation consistent with that economy which is at present so necessary to be preserved in the application of the public property.

[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 sum of five hundred pounds be and the same is hereby given and granted to the trustees of Dickinson college for the use of the said college and in order that the said institution may not suffer by delay in receiving the sum so granted,

[Section II.] It is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the president or vice-president of the supreme executive council shall and the are hereby authorized and required forthwith to draw an order on the treasurer of this state in favor of the said trustees for the said sum of five hundred pounds which payment shall be allowed in the settlement of his accounts.

(Section III. P.L.) And whereas the unappropriated lands within this state belonging to the public afford an ample fund for the endowment of colleges and schools at a future day without any present advance or public inconvenience and at the least possible expense to the community and at the same time certainly effective in the event and the said college at Carlisle has just title under the said provision in the constitution [not only from its early institution] under private patronage but from its rapid growth to be now provided for.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P.L.) It is therefore hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That ten thousand acres of

land together with six per centum allowance for roads to be located, set out and surveyed within the unappropriated lands belonging to this state be and they are hereby granted to the trustees of Dickinson College to have and to hold the same to them their successors and assigns forever.

(Section V. P.L.) And in order to facilitate the locating, setting out and surveying the said lands for the said trustees and securing them to the use of the said college:

[Section IV.] It is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon the applications of the said trustees or any person duly authorized by them to the secretary of the land office of this state he shall grant and issue and is hereby authorized and required to grant and issue such and so many warrants to be directed to the surveyor-general of the state requiring him to survey or cause to be surveyed for the trustees of Dickinson College such and so many tracts of land with such number of acres in each warrant as shall be applied for at each and every application, in such places not already appropriated by acts of assembly of the state to particular uses, nor before located or surveyed by or for private persons as shall in the whole amount to the said quantity of ten thousand acres and the usual allowance and no more, and that the surveyor-general shall receive and enter all such warrants in his office, and issue copies thereof directed to his deputies in the different counties or districts within the state, and the said deputies shall execute the same and make returns thereof, and thereupon such proceedings shall be had, and patents or grants of confirmation for the same shall be granted and issued to the trustees of Dickinson College, in the same manner and form and having like force and effect as the like proceedings and patents have been and are conducted and granted in case of private persons making applications for and taking up lands, under the laws of the state, in such case made and provided.

(Section VI. P.L.) And whereas the same reasons which induce this house to provide for the future support of the said college equally hold and apply for providing a fund whereout hereafter to endow the public schools agreeably to the constitution of this state:

[Section V.] (Section VII. P.L.) It is therefore hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That sixty thousand acres of land part of the unappropriated lands of this state be, and they are hereby reserved and appropriated for the sole and express purpose of endowing public schools in the different counties of this state agreeably to the said forty-fourth section of the constitution.

(Section VIII. P.L.) And in order that the quantity of lands hereby reserved and appropriated as aforesaid may be located, set out and surveyed for the uses aforesaid,

[Section VI.] It is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supreme executive council of this commonwealth shall and they are hereby enjoined and required forthwith after the passing of this act to order and direct the secretary of the land office and the said secretary upon such orders and directions is hereby required and enjoined to issue such and so many warrants to be directed to the surveyor-general of the state requiring him to survey or cause to be surveyed for the use of the public schools established or to be established within this state such and so many tracts of land with such number of acres in each warrant as shall be directed by the supreme executive council in such places not already appropriated by acts of assembly to particular uses nor before located or surveyed by or for private persons or bodies politic, as shall in the whole amount to sixty thousand acres and the usual allowance for roads and no more and that the surveyor-general shall receive and enter into his office all such warrants and issue copies thereof directed to his deputies in the different counties or districts within the state and the said deputies shall execute the same and make returns thereof and thereupon such proceedings shall be had and the business thereof shall be conducted in the same manner and form as in cases of warrants issued and surveys returned for and in the names of private persons making applications for and taking up lands under the laws of the state in such case made and provided, excepting only that the warrants to be granted in pursuance hereof shall not be confined to any given number of acres.

[Section VII.] (Section IX. P. L.) And it is hereby further en-

acted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every the tracts and tract of land hereby directed to be surveyed as well for the use of the trustees of Dickinson College aforesaid as for the use of the public schools shall be so done at the charge of the state and the supreme executive council are accordingly authorized to draw orders on the state treasurer to pay and defray all charges arising thereupon.

[Section VIII.] (Section X. P.L.) And it is hereby further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said sixty thousand acres of land with the usual allowance of six per centum for roads hereby reserved out of the unappropriated lands of the state and so as aforesaid directed to be surveyed, set out and located and appropriated shall be and remain a fund for the endowment of public schools within the several counties of this state agreeably to the said forty-fourth section of the constitution of this commonwealth and shall not otherwise be disposed of nor shall the same or any part thereof be granted or appropriated to any particular school but by the acts of the legislature of this state from time to time to be made in pursuance of the said provision of the constitution.

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See the Act of Assembly passed February 14, 1789, Chapter 1390.

CHAPTER MCOXXV.

AN ACT FOR DIRECTING THE SALE OF SUCH OF THE CITY LOTS AS REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE AND FOR DISPOSING OF THE HOUSE AND LOTS IN HIGH STREET IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA LATE THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH GALLOWAY AND FORFEITED TO THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas many of the lots which were sold pursuant to an act of assembly passed the tenth day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one entitled, "An act for the better support of the public credit by an immediate sale of the lands therein mentioned and fully securing the purchasers thereof in their titles and also for preserving the