

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.

Passed April 7, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 103, etc.

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

common lands appurtenant to the city of Philadelphia and other towns in this state from unwarrantable encroachments,"¹ have reverted to the state on account of non compliance of the purchasers with the terms of sale:

And whereas there [was] a considerable number of the said lots remaining which were not sold as aforesaid:

And whereas the house and lot on Market street late the property of Joseph Galloway forfeited to this commonwealth and appropriated by act of assembly of the eighteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine to the use of the supreme executive council for the time being or to such other uses as the general assembly should direct and appoint now lie waste and unoccupied and on account thereof the house aforesaid is fast going to ruin and decay:

And whereas there are numerous debts due by this state which must be discharged:

And whereas it is incumbent on the legislature to provide for the means of doing it in such manner as shall be consistent with justice and least distressing to the people:

And whereas the property hereinbefore mentioned will if sold provide for extinguishing a considerable portion of those debts and thereby ease the good people of this state of so much of their debt and the interest thereof as shall be thus discharged:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II. P.L.) Be it 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 such of the said city lots as have so reverted to or remained the property of the state (excepting eight of the same lots, marked in the plan or draught of the public city lots number thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty and forty-one) shall be sold under the direction of the supreme executive council who are hereby directed to immediately give at least fifteen days' notice in two or more of the newspapers printed in this city of the time and place of sale:

¹ Chapter 942.

Provided always, That the supreme executive council be and they are hereby authorized and required to reserve so many of the public lots as shall be at least two hundred feet and not more than four hundred feet square in such part of the city as they may judge most convenient to be appropriated as a burial ground for the interment of deceased strangers and such other persons who may not have been in communion with any religious society at the time of their decease.

[Section II.] (Section III. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the deeds granted or titles which shall be made for all lots sold as by this law directed shall be according to the tenor and terms of the act, 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 common lands appurtenant to the city of Philadelphia and other towns in this state from unwarrantable encroachments,"¹ passed the tenth day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, and shall vest the purchaser or purchasers his, her or their heirs or assigns with similar advantages and emoluments and the claimants which may appear of any lots so sold shall prosecute his, her or their claims in like manner and under like restrictions as directed by the said last recited act and shall be entitled to like privileges and advantages.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said supreme executive council shall also direct the sale of the mansion house and lots adjoining on Market street as aforesaid in the city of Philadelphia late the property of Joseph Galloway and which were by the act of general assembly of the eighteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine appropriated as aforesaid to be sold in like manner as the city lots herein before mentioned.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the purchase money of the said lots and mansion house shall be paid in specie, bills of credit of this state of the last emission, depreciation certificates or

¹ Anti.

in other certificates of debts due by this state on which the interest is receivable at the treasury of this commonwealth.

[Section V.] (Section VI. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the amount of the sales of said lots and house shall be paid to, received by and accounted for by the receiver-general of the land office in like manner as is directed for receiving and paying other moneys or securities received by him according to the former laws of this state.

Passed 8th April, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 105, etc. See the Act of Assembly passed March 12, 1800, Chapter 2127.

CHAPTER MCCXXVI.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR LEVYING A DUTY ON CERTAIN ENUMERATED ARTICLES AND AN IMPOST OF FIVE PER CENTUM AD VALORUM ON ALL OTHER GOODS, WARES AND MERCHANDISE IMPORTED INTO THIS STATE AND A TAX UPON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE DISCHARGE OF DEBTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AGREABLE TO ACTS OF CONGRESS THEREIN RECITED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED." ¹

(Section I. P.L.) Whereas the United States in congress assembled by their act of the eighteenth day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three did resolve that it be recommended to the several states as indispensably necessary to the restoration of public credit and to the punctual and honorable discharge of the public debts to vest the United States in congress assembled with power to levy and collect for the use of the United States certain duties on goods therein enumerated and also a duty of five per centum ad valorum on all other goods at the time and place of importation, provided that none of the said duties should be applied to any other purpose than the discharge of the interest or principal of the debts contracted on the faith of the United States for supporting the war nor be continued for a longer time than twenty-five years and that it be further recommended to the several

¹ Chapter 1039.