

him or judgment entered against him on demurrer, the defendant shall recover double costs.

[Section VII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent or prohibit the exportation of wool and cotton cards or of such other tools or implements as are or may be usually manufactured for sale and exportation within this state or any [of] the United States of America.

[Section VIII.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall be and continue in force for and during the term of two years from and after the publication thereof and from thence to the end of the then next session of the general assembly and no longer.

Passed March 29, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 368.

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## CHAPTER MCCCXLVIII.

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AN ACT FOR FACILITATING THE REDEMPTION OF THE BILLS OF CREDIT EMITTED IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE AND FOR REDEEMING PART OF THE FUNDED DEBT OF THIS STATE, FOR EXTENDING THE TIME FOR PATENTING LANDS WHICH WERE LOCATED BEFORE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCY AND FOR GIVING A RIGHT OF PRE-EMPTION TO ACTUAL SETTLERS FOR PROCURING WARRANTS FOR LANDS BY THEM OCCUPIED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in and by an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth passed the twenty-eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven entitled, "An act for facilitating the redemption of the bills of credit emitted in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one and for redeeming part of the funded debt of this state by the speedy collection of the arrearages due for unpatented lands which were located before the declaration of independency."<sup>1</sup> wherein it is enacted that

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 1283.

if any person entitled to lands within this state and yet remaining unpatented, shall refuse or neglect to pay or secure the purchase money or arrearages thereof with interest every such person so refusing or neglecting shall be barred and precluded from all the benefit intended by this act, with respect to further time of payment and [the] mode of such payment and shall be forthwith prosecuted and proceeded against by the sale of his said lands according to law as if this act had not been made

And whereas the before recited act by its own limitation expires the tenth day of April next, within which time so limited the citizens cannot obtain a confirmation of their grants, it is therefore deemed expedient further to extend the same.

[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 time limited in the act above recited for paying or securing to the state the payments for lands held or claimed by any citizen of this commonwealth by location or any other office right obtained before the tenth day of December one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and yet remaining unpatented be and hereby is extended to every matter and thing contained in the act aforesaid to the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person entitled to demand a patent for land in this state on paying one fourth part of the amount of the purchase money now due with the interest thereon in lawful money of this state or in the bills of credit emitted by virtue of an act passed the seventh day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one together with the whole of the office fees in current lawful money shall at his option pay the residue of such purchase money and interest in lawful money or bills of credit aforesaid or in funded certificates of this state, on which certificates the interest shall be computed and allowed till the time of such payment.

Provided nevertheless, That such payment or payments be

made and completed before the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

[And] whereas by an act passed the thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six entitled, "An act for giving during a limited time a right of pre-emption to the actual settlers within this state"<sup>1</sup> and as said act by its own limitation will expire the tenth day of April next and as it is deemed just and reasonable that the actual settlers within this state who have not procured warrants for the lands by them occupied should be allowed longer time for completing the same.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the act above recited be and hereby is extended in every matter and thing to the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed March 29, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 366. See the Acts of Assembly passed March 21, 1789, Chapter 1402; March 29, Chapter 1502; April 13, 1791, Chapter 1576.

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## CHAPTER MCCCXLIX.

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AN ACT TO SUSPEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR ASCERTAINING AND CONFIRMING TO CERTAIN PERSONS CALLED CONNECTICUT CLAIMANTS THE LANDS BY THEM CLAIMED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas by an act entitled "An act for ascertaining and confirming to certain persons called Connecticut claimants the lands by them claimed within the county of Luzerne and for other purposes therein mentioned"<sup>2</sup> it is among other things enacted that certain commissioners therein named or thereafter to be appointed should within a limited time meet together within the said county for the purpose of receiving and examining the claims of the said claimants and ascertaining and confirming the same:

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<sup>1</sup>Chapter 1259.

<sup>2</sup>Passed March 28, 1787. Chapter 1285.