

hundred and eighty-five, shall be paid by orders drawn by the supreme executive council on the state treasurer and their rations shall be contracted for or supplied by directions from the said council in the same manner and out of the same fund as by the said act is directed, up to the first day of May now next coming and no longer, on which the supreme executive council shall cause the corps of invalids formed in pursuance of the directions of the said recited act to be disbanded and dismissed from all duty and service, and that so much of the said recited act or of any other act or acts of assembly as authorizes or requires the payment of the several sums so adjudged to the pensioners in that act mentioned and described or the forming or keeping formed the said corps of invalids or providing them with rations after the first day of [May] next be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And it is hereby further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the supreme executive council and they are hereby authorized and empowered on or before the said first day of May next to provide such and so many proper watchmen under the civil establishment of the city of Philadelphia as in their discretion shall be necessary and sufficient to guard against danger to the public buildings and records belonging to this state in the city and to defray the expense thereof from time to time by drawing upon the state treasurer for the amount thereof.

Passed March 27, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 506.

See the Acts of Assembly passed December 8, 1789, Chapter 1473; September 3, 1791, Chapter 1594.

CHAPTER MCDXVI.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF APPEAL WITHIN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THIS STATE AND TO GRANT EXONERATIONS IN CASES OF MILITIA FINES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it hath been represented, that

gross abuses have been committed in the levying and collecting of militia fines, whereby many individuals, as well as families have been greatly aggrieved and oppressed. And as such abuses may still be continued unless better provision than now subsists, be made for the hearing of appeals and granting exonerations.

[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 within each of the counties of this state there shall be constituted and established and there is hereby constituted and established a board consisting of the commissioners of the several counties in this state, who or any two of them shall have power to receive all appeals from persons charged in the several counties with militia fines who may consider themselves aggrieved thereby and also to receive the applications of such persons so charged [who] may pray relief on account of peculiar hardship or inability and the said board shall have full power and authority to determine on such appeals and applications and to give relief and grant exonerations according to their judgment and discretion and as justice and humanity may require and shall also give certificates of such relief or exonerations which shall be available to the appellants against the payment of the amount to the collecting officer.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the purposes aforesaid it shall and may be lawful for the said board or any two of them to meet together for the purposes aforesaid at such times and places, in their respective counties as to them may appear proper and as best calculated to give opportunities for the appeals and applications of all such persons as may think themselves so aggrieved or oppressed.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said board shall severally be entitled to receive the sum of ten shillings for each and every day, they and each of them shall be employed in performing the duties enjoined by this act.

[Section V.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That an act entitled "An act to suspend for a limited time, the collection of all militia fines, incurred under laws passed before the twenty-second day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight,"¹ shall from and after the first day of May next be and the same hereby is repealed and made void.

¹ Passed November 19, 1788, Chapter 1383.

Passed March 27, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 515. See the Act of Assembly passed April 5, 1790, Chapter 1513.

CHAPTER MCDXVII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF WARDENS FOR THE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas an act of this commonwealth entitled "An act to establish a board of wardens for the port of Philadelphia and for other purposes therein mentioned," hath in the operation thereof proved in some respects defective and therefore requires to be amended:

[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 all and every certificate and certificates heretofore granted unto any pilot and pilots by any board of wardens prior to the passing of the said recited act and not vacated by any board of wardens shall and the same are hereby declared to be of the like force and effect for the time and term of six months and no longer to be computed from the day of the passing of said recited act as if the said certificate and certificates were granted in pursuance of the said recited act, anything therein contained to the contrary thereof in any-wise notwithstanding. Nor shall it be lawful to and for the collector of tonnage or to and for any other person