

gether with his household furniture and the wearing apparel of himself and his family, entirely consumed, while the public papers and records in his custody, by his spirited exertions were preserved from destruction and the said William Lyon hath requested this house, in consideration of the preceding circumstances to exempt him from the payment of the tax imposed by an act of the general assembly passed [on] the twentieth day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three upon certain writs issuing out of the said court:

And whereas it appears to this house to be reasonable that a compensation should be made for losses occasioned by conduct so public spirited and disinterested:

[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 authority of the same, That the said William Lyon, Esquire, shall be and he is hereby exonerated from the payment of the said tax upon all writs otherwise liable thereto which have been issued out of the said office since the term of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight and also upon all such writs which shall be issued out of the said office before the term of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Passed March 3, 1790. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 56.

## CHAPTER MCDLXXXVI.

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AN ACT TO REIMBURSE GABRIEL COX, GEORGE VALENDIGHAM AND ANDREW SWERINGEN FOR MONEYS ADVANCED BY THEM IN THE DEFENSE OF THE FRONTIERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Gabriel Cox, George Valendigham and Andrew Sweringen have by their petitions set forth that in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty they engaged Captain Thomas Bay to raise a company of rangers for the defense of the frontiers of Washington county and gave their assumption for payment on which assumption the said Captain Thomas Bay commenced a suit at law and recovered the sum of two hundred and fifty-five pounds damages and

five pounds costs and it being just and reasonable to reimburse the said Gabriel Cox, George Valendigham and Andrew Sweringen the moneys so recovered of them :

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 the comptroller general be and he is hereby authorized and required to issue certificates to Gabriel Cox, George Valendigham and Andrew Sweringen for their respective shares of two hundred and sixty pounds the certificates bearing interest from the first day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Passed March 3, 1790. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 63.

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## CHAPTER MCDLXXXVII.

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### AN ACT DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF SUNDRY DEPUTY SURVEYORS OF THE DEPRECIATION LANDS.

(Section I, P. L.) It appearing to this assembly that sundry deputy surveyors were employed in surveying the tract of land appropriated by law for the redemption of [the] certificates for the depreciation on the pay of the officers and soldiers of the late line of this state in the service of the United States and that by reason of the suspension of the sales of the said lands the just demands of money of the [said] surveyors remain unsatisfied, there being no other fund on which orders can legally be drawn for the amount of such demands.

[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 president or vice president in council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered on the accounts of those deputy surveyors who have under the authority of this state surveyed the depreciation