

lings and eight pence for which he hath received no compensation and prays for assistance from this house therein:

And whereas it appears to this assembly that the said representation is just and true and that the said money hath been expended in such manner and places as considerably to improve the navigation aforesaid:

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 president or vice president in council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to draw an order on the treasurer of this state in favor of Robert Thorn for the sum of forty pounds, twelve shillings and eight pence to be paid out of the fund especially appropriated by law for the payment of claims and improvements as soon as that fund shall become sufficiently productive.

Passed April 5, 1790. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 105.

CHAPTER MDXIX.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE SALE OF LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas an act of assembly of this commonwealth entitled "An act further to continue an act entitled 'An act to suspend the sale of lands for non-payment of taxes and for other purposes therein mentioned'"¹ has expired by its own limitation. And whereas many inconveniences may arise to the owners of unsettled lands in this commonwealth if the said lands shall be set up and sold for the taxes due thereon without further notice to the said owners:

To prevent the said inconveniences, and that all such owners may have reasonable time and notice of the taxes in arrear upon their said lands:

¹ Passed September 26, 1789, Chapter 1442.

[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 previous to any sale to be held by the commissioners of the several counties of this commonwealth of any of the lands within the meaning and intention of the said recited act for any taxes or arrears of taxes due to this commonwealth the commissioners of the respective counties in which such lands lie shall cause the said lands and the taxes due thereon and the owners' names thereof to be publicly advertised in their respective counties and in one or more of the public papers of the city of Philadelphia for at least twenty-six weeks successively and in default of the owners thereof or some persons for them discharging the said taxes the said commissioners shall cause the said lands the taxes on which shall not be so discharged to be set up to public sale agreeably to the laws now in force in this commonwealth but the present commissioners of the several counties wherein the lands of non-resident holders are situate shall and may on the application of any such holder or his or her agent or attorney rectify any mistakes or remedy any injustice which shall be made appear to such commissioners respectively in the assessments either of the present or any former year of the lands of such non-resident holder from whom taxes are now due provided no such application shall on any pretence whatsoever cause delay in the payment of such arrears as are justly due in the opinion of the said commissioners respectively within the time hereinbefore limited and appointed.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if at such sale no person shall bid the sum due on each tract then and in that case the said commissioners shall cause the same to be bid in for the use of this commonwealth and make return thereof to the treasurer of the commonwealth due and legal notice being first given of the time and place of such sale.