

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all patents issuing under the authority of this commonwealth shall be by deed-poll, and shall be signed by the governor and countersigned by the secretary, appointed or to be appointed conformably to the fifteenth section of the second article of the constitution, or by the secretary of the land office and under the great seal of the state, and begin in the following style, viz.: "The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting," and then continue in the usual form.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor shall cause the lesser seal of the state to be affixed to all warrants, and the great seal to all patents issuing as aforesaid.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force until the first day of December next, and from thence to the end of the next session of the general assembly and no longer.

Passed January 8, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 133. The Act in the text was continued by the Act of Assembly passed March 28, 1792, Chapter 1611, and this Act was continued by the Act of Assembly passed January 13, 1794, Chapter 1706; and this last Act was continued by the Act of Assembly passed April 11, 1779; Chapter 2086.

CHAPTER MDXXIII.

AN ACT FOR TRANSFERRING CERTAIN POWERS EXERCISED BY THE LATE PRESIDENT AND SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE GOVERNOR OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas by the present constitution of this commonwealth, the executive powers of government are vested in the governor, and it is proper and necessary that such laws as directed any duties to be performed by the former ex-

ecutive authority of this state should be made conformable to the new organization of the powers of government. Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II. P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all and every duty which by any of the laws of this state was directed to be done and performed by the president or by the president and supreme executive council not inconsistent with the constitution of this commonwealth and not otherwise directed by the act passed in the present session, entitled "An act for instituting a board of property and for other purposes therein mentioned," shall be executed by the governor of this commonwealth; and that every of the laws relative to the duties first herein before mentioned shall be and they are hereby so far and no further repealed and made void; provided nevertheless, That this act shall continue in force until the end of the present session of the General Assembly and on longer.

Passed January 14, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 127.

CHAPTER MDXXIV.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE GOVERNOR TO GRANT A PATENT TO BIG-TREE, A SENECA CHIEF, FOR A CERTAIN ISLAND IN THE ALLEGHENY RIVER.

(Section I. P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the governor be empowered, and he is hereby empowered, to grant a patent to Big-Tree, one of the chiefs of the Seneca nation, for a certain island in the Allegheny river about three miles below the Conewango river, called Cone-

¹ Chapter 1522.