

tain actions of trover or detinue for the same, and such registers or public papers shall not in any case be liable to be seized, attached or taken in execution for debt, or for any demand whatsoever.

[Section VI.] (Section VII. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every notary shall provide a public notarial seal, with which he shall authenticate all his acts, instruments and attestations, on which seal shall be engraved the arms of this commonwealth, and shall have for legend the name, surname and office of the notary using the same, and the place of his residence.

[Section VII.] (Section VIII. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every notary on his appointment, and before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, that he shall and will well and faithfully perform the duties of his office, and also, that he shall and will support the constitution of this commonwealth; and also shall give bond, himself in a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds, and two sureties in a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds each, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, the amount of the said bonds to be determined on by the governor, which obligations shall be recorded in the rolls-office, or office for recording of deeds, within the respective counties where he may reside, and may be sued by any party or parties injured, in like manner and with the like effect as bonds given by sheriffs and coroners for the faithful execution of their respective offices.

Passed March 5, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 131. See the Act of Assembly passed April 4, 1798, Chapter 2004.

CHAPTER MDXXXII.

AN ACT TO ENJOIN CERTAIN DUTIES ON THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

[Section I.] (Section I. P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the following duties be enjoined on the secretary of the commonwealth, in addition to those prescribed in the constitution. First: He shall keep the great and less seal of the state, and affix them, respectively, as the case may require, to all public instruments to which the attestation of the governor's signature now is or shall hereafter be required by law. Second: He shall collect and pay over to the state treasurer, quarterly, the fees heretofore usually collected by the secretary of the late supreme executive council. Third: All bonds and recognizances, which now are, or hereafter shall be, by law directed to be given to this commonwealth, for the faithful discharge of any office, commission or public trust, shall be taken by the secretary in the name of the commonwealth, for the uses in the same respectively expressed; the sureties therein to be approved by the governor, except in the cases of bonds and recognizances given by sheriffs and coroners and their sureties, which shall be in double the amount heretofore by law required, and the competency of the sureties shall be submitted to the justices of the courts of common pleas of their respective counties, or to any two or more of them, for that purpose convened for their approbation, which approbation, being confirmed by the governor, bonds or recognizances, conformably to the laws of this commonwealth, shall be taken by the recorder of deeds for the county, from the person commissioned by the governor and his sureties, previous to such person's entering upon the duties of his office, which bonds and recognizances, after being duly entered in the office of the said recorder of deeds, shall be by him transmitted to the secretary, and by the said secretary filed in his office, copies of which bonds or recognizances, under the hand and seal of the secretary, or under the hand and seal of the recorder of deeds in whose office the originals are recorded and filed, shall be admitted as legal evidence in any suit or suits that shall be brought thereon, against the obligors or cognizers, their heirs, executors or administrators. Fourth: The books, papers and accounts of the secretary shall be open to the inspection and examination of committees of each branch of the

legislature, and the secretary shall furnish such copies or abstracts therefrom, as may from time to time be required.

[Section II.] (Section II. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the secretary shall give bond to the governor, for the use of the commonwealth, for the due and faithful performance of the several trusts to him committed, himself in the sum of one thousand pounds, and two sufficient sureties in the sum of five hundred pounds each, which bonds shall be duly acknowledged and entered of record in the rolls-office.

[Section III.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the secretary shall have a deputy, to be by him appointed, with the approbation of the governor, and the said deputy shall be removable by the said secretary, whenever he shall think it expedient.

[Section IV.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said secretary shall receive, during his continuance in office, at the rate of five hundred pounds per annum, and the said deputy shall receive, during his continuance in office, at the rate of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

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CHAPTER MDXXXIII.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas it is necessary to make provision for the election of representatives of the good people of this commonwealth, to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States for two years, and a division of the state into districts, for such purpose, appears most conducive to a fair and equal representation of the people.