

wealth are made and provided, in case of debts due from persons attainted of high treason. Provided, That such claim be preferred within twelve months from and after the passing of this act.

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## CHAPTER MDLIII

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### AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF JAMES OFFICER.

Whereas a petition, on behalf of James Officer, hath been presented to the legislature, setting forth that two certificates, each of them for the sum of nine pounds, one of them numbered five thousand and eighty-four, the other of them numbered six thousand four hundred and ninety, issued in pursuance of certain acts of the general assembly by the comptroller-general to the said James Officer, on account of his services in the militia of the county of Cumberland, have been casually destroyed by fire, and praying that the said certificates may be renewed: And whereas it is unreasonable that the public, having received the consideration, should derive advantage from private calamity, by refusing to renew the acknowledgment of the debt.

[Section I.] (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 comptroller-general shall be, and he is hereby authorized and required to issue two certificates, in favor of the said James Officer, for the same sums of money and of the same tenor and date, respectively, with those hereinbefore mentioned. Provided always, That before any such certificates shall be issued, due proof shall be made to the said comptroller-general, by one or more creditable witnesses, that the certificates hereinbefore mentioned were, as is alleged, casually destroyed by fire.

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