

To James Martin, for his extra services, performed as sergeant-at-arms to the said late general assembly, the sum of fifteen pounds.

To Joseph Fry, for his extra services, performed as door-keeper to the said late general assembly, the sum of fifteen pounds.

Which warrants shall be paid by the said treasurer out of the funds appropriated for the support of government; and which warrants, when paid by the treasurer out of the funds aforesaid, shall be available to him, in the settlement of his accounts with the commonwealth, for the sum or sums therein expressed.

Passed April 8, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 170, etc.

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## CHAPTER MDLVII.

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### AN ACT TO GRANT FIVE THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND TO THE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED BRETHREN, FOR PROPAGATING THE GOSPEL AMONG THE HEATHEN.

Whereas the propagation of the gospel, and the erecting and supporting schools among the Indian nations of America, are of the first importance to the citizens of this and other of the United States, and may, by the blessing of God, be conducive to the peace and security of the inhabitants and settlers of our frontiers, and by living examples of the missionaries and converts, the savages may be induced to turn their minds to the Christian religion, industry and social life with the citizens of the United States; and whereas the United Brethren have sent missionaries and schoolmasters to the Indian nations, and without intermission have continued their labors among them since the year one thousand seven hundred and forty, and notwithstanding the increase of expenses and other difficulties, are resolved to pursue and support this commendable work, and for this purpose have formed a society, the directors and other members whereof are incorporated by a law of this common-

wealth, enacted the twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and made a body politic, under the name of "The Society of the United Brethern, for propagating the gospel among the heathen;" and whereas the said society have represented to the legislature, that they have no other fund than the charitable contributions of the members of their church, to accomplish their desire in that blessed work; and whereas the sending and maintaining preachers and schoolmasters, and providing books for the better educating, instructing and civilizing the children of the converts and others among the nations who shall be desirous to commit their youth to the care and instruction of the said missionaries are very expensive, which have induced the society to pray for public aid; and whereas the legislature of this commonwealth is disposed to encourage all pious and charitable institutions:

[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 quantity of five thousand acres of land together with six per centum allowance for roads, to be located, set out and surveyed, be, and they are hereby, granted to the directors of the said society for propagating the gospel among the heathen, to have and to hold the same to them, and their successors forever; and the said quantity of five thousand acres of land shall be located, set out and surveyed in two tracts, one tract of two thousand five hundred acres on the river Conneought, near the northwestern corner of the state, and one tract of two thousand five hundred acres on the heads of French creek.

[Section II.] (Section II. P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon the application of said directors, or any person duly authorized by them, to the secretary of the land-office of this commonwealth, he shall grant and issue such and so many warrants, to be directed to the surveyor-general of this commonwealth, requiring him to survey, or cause to be surveyed, for the directors of said society, such and so many tracts of land, with such number of acres in each warrant, in

such places before mentioned, not already appropriated by law or reserved by the commonwealth, nor before located and surveyed by or for private persons, as shall amount to the said quantity of five thousand acres, and the usual allowance and no more; and that the surveyor-general shall receive and enter all such warrants in his office, and issue copies thereof directed to his deputies in the different counties and districts within the commonwealth, and the said deputies shall execute the same, and make returns thereof, and thereupon such proceedings shall be had, and patents, or grants of confirmation for the same, shall be granted and issued to the directors of said society, in the same manner and form, having the like force and effect, as the like proceedings and patents have been and are conducted and granted, in case of private persons making applications for and taking up lands under the laws of this commonwealth, in such case made and provided.

[Section III.] (Section III. P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every the tract and tracts of land hereby directed to be surveyed, for the use of said society, shall be so done at the charge of this commonwealth, and the governor is hereby authorized and empowered to draw warrants on the state treasurer, to pay and defray all the charges arising thereon.

Passed April 9, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 172, etc.

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## CHAPTER MDLVIII.

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AN ACT TO SEPARATE THE TOWNSHIP OF MOYAMENSING, IN THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, FROM THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, THE DISTRICT OF SOUTHWARK, AND THE TOWNSHIP OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES, IN THE SAID COUNTY, FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THEIR POOR IN COMMON.

Whereas it hath been represented by the freeholders and inhabitants of the township of Moyamensing, in the county of Philadelphia, that they are subjected to very heavy taxes for