

## CHAPTER MDXCII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR DIRECTING THE MODE OF DISTRIBUTING THE DONATION LANDS PROMISED TO THE TROOPS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH."<sup>1</sup>

Whereas, since the boundary line between this state and the state of New York has been run, it appears that a number of the surveys, made in pursuance of the act to which this is a supplement, have fallen within the state of New York, whereby the intentions of the legislature have in those instances been frustrated, and some of the meritorious objects of its bounty disappointed of their reward.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 surveyor-general shall be, and he is hereby authorized and required to ascertain, and report to the governor, as soon as may be, what number of patents have been granted by the commonwealth for lands of the description aforesaid, which have fallen in the state of New York, together with the number of acres contained in each such patent, and the names of the persons who obtained the same, and upon such report being made, it shall be lawful for the governor, and he is hereby requested, to cause the same report to be printed in at least three newspapers published in the city of Philadelphia, giving at the same time notice to all persons concerned to apply before the first day of next December, upon which day the surveyor-general is empowered and enjoined to ascertain, by lot, in such manner as shall be prescribed by the governor, the order of priority, according to which the persons who shall have thus applied shall proceed to choose other lands, instead of those they have thus lost.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the several persons who shall have

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<sup>1</sup>Passed March 24, 1785, Chapter 1139.

thus applied, shall, according to the order of priority fixed by virtue of the preceding section, choose a lot or lots, containing like quantity of acres with the lot or lots they may have lost, out of any of the tracts already surveyed and not otherwise disposed of, within that part of the state appropriated as a donation to certain officers and soldiers, by virtue of the act, entitled "An act for the sale of certain lands therein mentioned for the purpose of redeeming and paying off the certificates of depreciation given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, or their representatives and for appropriating certain other lands therein mentioned, for the use of the said officers and soldiers, to be divided off to them severally at the end of the war."<sup>2</sup>

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when the persons aforesaid shall have thus made their choice, patents for the same shall be respectively granted to them, without any fees, provided that no individual shall be entitled to receive such patent or patents, until he has previously returned the patent or patents formerly granted to him for lands that have fallen in the state of New York, in order that the same may be cancelled, and has also given a quit-claim to the commonwealth, for any compensation he may be entitled to on account of his loss.

Passed Sept. 30, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 253, etc. See the Acts of Assembly passed April 10, 1792, Chapter 1644.

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### AN ACT TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTUALLY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

Whereas the appropriations that have heretofore been made, for discharging the debts and obligations of the commonwealth, will probably prove inadequate to the accomplishment of that important object, by reason of the slow and precarious

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<sup>2</sup>Passed March 12, 1783, Chapter 1007.