

CHAPTER MMCDXXXII.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF GEORGE STEVENSON.

Whereas it has been represented to the legislature, that George Stevenson, now an inhabitant of Washington county, entered into the service of the United States early in our Revolutionary War with Great Britain; that he was appointed to a lieutenancy in the army, and after several years service he was in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine made a prisoner at the town of West Liberty by the Indians, and severely wounded in the head with a tomahawk, taken to Detroit and delivered up to the British, and by them carried to Quebec, where he suffered a long and harsh imprisonment, until October one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, when he was discharged on parol, and made his way through the wilderness to the United States, and thence to Philadelphia, after an absence of three years and four months, having experienced many severe trials and hardships, and sustained very considerable losses; that he has never received any redress or compensation from the state, and that he is now grown old, with a large family of children to support. And whereas the facts set forth by the said George Stevenson appear to be well authenticated by several certificates accompanying his petition and representation, and the justice and liberality of the state require that relief should be granted to so meritorious a citizen: Therefore,

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 proper officers shall place George Stevenson on the list of soldiers entitled to donation lands, and on his application, either in person or by his agent or attorney duly constituted, shall draw for and patent to him such donation lands as he would have been entitled to if he had served until the conclusion of the war.