

CHAPTER MMCDLXIV.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF ALEXANDER SIMONTON.

Whereas Alexander Simonton, now an inhabitant of Mercer county, a sergeant in the late Pennsylvania line, in colonel Chamber's regiment, was wounded at the battle of Brandywine, and discharged previous to the conclusion of the war; which said wound has since become so troublesome as to render him incapable of earning his subsistence by labor, and the justice and honor of the commonwealth requiring legislative attention to cases of this kind: 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 officer shall place Alexander Simonton on the list of soldiers entitled to donation-lands; and on his application, by himself or his attorney, duly constituted, shall draw and patent to him such donation-lands as he would have been entitled to if he had served to the conclusion of the war.

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CHAPTER MMCDLXV.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF THE POOR GRATIS.

Whereas the law passed the first day of March Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and two, entitled "An act to provide for the education of poor children gratis,"⁽¹⁾ has not been found by experience to answer the constitutional purposes intended by it: Therefore,

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 from and after the passing of this act, it shall be enjoined as a duty on all school masters and school mistresses, teaching reading and writing in the English or German languages, and arithmetic, to receive into their schools, and teach as aforesaid, all such poor children as shall be recommended to them by the overseers of the poor, or where there are no overseers of the poor, by a justice of the peace and two respectable freeholders of the city, district or township where such school is kept.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon the performance of any such service, by any school-master or school-mistress as aforesaid, the overseers of the poor, or justices of the peace and freeholders, who have recommended as aforesaid, shall certify to the commissioners of the proper county or city, the names of such poor children, the time they have been respectively taught, and the usual rate of schooling paid for other children at the same school, who shall examine such certificate, and finding it correct, shall draw an order in favor of such school-master or school-mistress for the amount, on the treasurer of the proper county or city, to be paid out of the county stock.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force for three years, and from thence to the end of the next session of the general assembly, and no longer, and that the act, entitled "An act to provide for the education of poor children gratis," shall be and hereby is repealed.

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Note (1) Chapter 2247. Supra this volume p. ?