

## CHAPTER MMDCCCLXXV.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE MODE OF SETTLING ACCOUNTS IN THE LAND-OFFICE, AND TO PREVENT FRAUDS IN OBTAINING WARRANTS FOR LAND.

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 it shall be the duty of the receiver-general of the land-office, on the settlement of any account for monies due on lands within the purchases made of the Indians, in and prior to the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight, to ascertain the amount of principal and interest due at the time of passing this act upon such account, and upon the aggregate amount so found due, it shall be his duty to charge interest, until the amount of the account is discharged: Provided, that any person paying to the said receiver-general the amount of money due from him or her on or before the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, or otherwise, before the said day, complying with the provisions of the act, entitled "An act to encourage the patenting lands, and for other purposes," passed the fourth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and five,<sup>(1)</sup> shall be charged interest only upon the principal sum due up to the time of such payment, or of executing a mortgage agreeably to the directions of the said act.

And whereas it is the interest, as well as the duty of the legislature, to prevent frauds and impositions that may arise in taking out new warrants for lands upon which old warrants have been laid, or which have been acquired by any other office-right: Therefore,

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That before any warrant issues from the land-office for any land within the said purchases, the person for whose use and in whose name such warrant is applied for, shall declare upon oath or affirmation, in addi-

tion to the usual proof required by the officers of the land-office, to be taken and subscribed before some one of the judges of the court of common pleas, or justice of the peace of the county in which such lands lie, or before the secretary of the land-office, that according to the best knowledge and belief of the deponent, no warrant or other office-right had issued for such land in the name of such deponent or of any person or persons under whom he claims, and if at any time thereafter it should appear that the persons deposing as aforesaid, or any of them, shall knowingly have sworn falsely, such person or persons shall suffer all the pains and penalties of perjury.<sup>(2)</sup>

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Note (1) Chapter 2617; 17 Statutes at Large p. 1075.

Note (2) See supplement to the act in the text Chapter 2938, *Infra* this volume, p. 788.

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## CHAPTER MMDCCCLXXVI.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ERECT PART OF LYCOMING, HUNTINGDON AND SOMERSET COUNTIES INTO SEPARATE COUNTY DISTRICTS." (1)

Whereas three commissioners were appointed by the governor, in pursuance of an act, entitled "An act to erect parts of Lycoming, Huntingdon and Somerset counties, into separate county districts," passed on the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and four,<sup>(1)</sup> to run and mark the boundary lines of the counties of M'Kean, Potter and Tioga; and one of the commissioners is deceased and another has declined to act, in pursuance of said appointment, and but a small part of the duty, remains to be performed: 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 George Ross, one of the