

by them, deface or destroy the letters or figures, or other characters in any written or printed list of the rates or tolls affixed in any place or places for the information of passengers and others, or who shall wilfully and maliciously obstruct or impede the passage on, or over the said bridge, or any part or parts thereof, he, she, or they so offending, shall each of them forfeit and pay for every such offense, to said corporation, the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered on conviction before any justice of the peace, as debts of like amount are recoverable; but no suit shall be brought unless commenced within thirty days after such offense shall have been committed; and he, she, or they so offending, shall remain liable to actions at the suit of said corporation, for such wrongs, if the said sum or sums herein mentioned, be not sufficient to repair and satisfy said damages: Provided always, that the suit last herein mentioned, shall be brought within thirty days after such conviction had before any justice of the peace as aforesaid, and not otherwise.

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CHAPTER MMMLVIII.

AN ACT GRANTING AN ANNUITY TO JOHN M'DOWEL.

Whereas it appears to the legislature that John M'Dowel enlisted in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the company of captain Moses M'Clean, of York county, for one year, and marched with him to Canada, and was in the battle of the Three Rivers, under General Thompson, and that a few days after the battle he and others, with his captain, were taken prisoners by the Indians, and sent to Montreal, where they were sold to the British, who permitted him to return home in company with his captain on parole. And it further appears that he again enlisted in one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, for three years or during

the war, in the company of Captain George Bush, of the eleventh Pennsylvania regiment, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Hartley; that on the campaign against the Indians, under General Sullivan, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, on the thirteenth day of August, being on a scouting party under the direction of Captain Bush, in a skirmish with a party of Indians, he received a wound by a ball, which passed through his body, which rendered him unfit for service; in consequence of which his captain gave him an unlimited furlough to return home, and he is now old and unable to support himself and family by hard labor; in consequence of the wounds received while in the service of his country: 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 sum of forty dollars be, and the same is hereby granted to John M'Dowel, to be paid to him immediately after the passing of this act, and an annuity of forty dollars be granted for the use of John M'Dowel, to be paid half yearly to Alexander M'Clean, of Fayette county, his executor or executors, administrator or administrators, his or their lawful attorney, to commence from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, on warrants to be drawn by the governor on the state treasurer, which annuity shall be expended by the said Alexander M'Clean, his executor or executors, administrator or administrators, his or their lawful attorney, in providing clothing, lodging and diet for the said John M'Dowel. And it shall be, and it is hereby made the duty of the said Alexander M'Clean, his executor or executors, administrator or administrators, his or their lawful attorney, to make an annual return to the orphans' court of Fayette county, on oath or affirmation, how and in what manner he or they have executed the trust in him or them confided by this act.