

eight hundred and ten, which annuity shall be expended by the said George Palmer, his executor or executors, administrator or administrators, or his or their lawful attorney, in providing clothing and diet for the said Samuel M'Neill, and it shall and is hereby made the duty of the said George Palmer, his executor or executors, administrator or administrators, his or their lawful attorney, to make an annual return to the orphans' court of Northampton 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.

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CHAPTER MMMLXXVIII.

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE OFFICES OF RECEIVER GENERAL AND MASTER OF THE ROLLS, AND TRANSFERRING THE DUTIES THEREIN PERFORMED TO OTHER OFFICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 from and after the tenth day of May next, the offices of receiver general and master of the rolls shall cease, determine, and be abolished, and the books, records, and papers belonging thereto, shall immediately after that period, be deposited in other offices, as is hereinafter mentioned.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all the books, papers, and other documents in the receiver general's office, and all the patent books, records, and documents relating to the titles of lands which are in the roll's office, shall be delivered to the secretary of the land office, and be by him deposited in his office; and all the books, papers, and other documents which are in the office of master of the rolls, containing the records of, or

relative to the enrolment of laws or other acts of the legislature, shall be delivered to the secretary of the commonwealth, and be by him deposited in his office.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the said tenth day of May next, the fees on issuing a warrant shall in all cases be four dollars and fifty cents for each and every warrant of survey and acceptance which shall issue, except as is hereinafter excepted; and it shall thenceforth be the duty of the secretary of the land office from time to time, as the same may be necessary, to make or cause to be made, all calculations of the purchase money and interest due on lands sold, or that shall hereafter be sold by the state, and to direct the payment of the money by the applicant, together with the price of the warrant, into the state treasury; and the treasurer shall give duplicate receipts for the money paid, one of which shall be deposited with the said secretary of the land office before the warrant shall issue.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the said tenth day of May next, the powers and duties of the master of the rolls so far as the same relate to the laws, resolutions, acts, and proceedings of the legislature shall be transferred to and performed under the direction of the secretary of the commonwealth, and the fees accruing thereon, together with all other fees received in his office, shall be paid into the state treasury and accounted for monthly by him with the auditor general.⁽¹⁾

Section V. (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the said tenth day of May next, the fees on patenting in all cases in which fees are by law receivable, shall be ten dollars for each and every patent that shall issue, and shall be paid to the state treasurer, who shall give duplicate receipts for the same, one of which shall be deposited with the secretary of the land office before the issuing of the patent; and the enrolment of the patent shall thenceforth be done without additional fees, under the direction of the said secretary, who shall also possess

all the powers, and perform all the duties, so far as the same relate to the papers to be deposited in his office, hitherto appertaining to or directed by law to be performed by the master of the rolls.

Section VI. (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the secretary of the land office shall monthly deliver to the auditor-general all the receipts of the state treasurer which shall come into his office for monies received at the treasury, for lands sold and fees paid on warrants and patents; and the secretary of the land office and surveyor general, on their own oaths or affirmations, and the oaths or affirmations of their deputies or clerks engaged in the receipt of money, shall monthly account to the auditor general, for all fees hereafter to be received in their offices, which monies they are hereby directed to pay into the state treasury.⁽²⁾

Section VII. (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act, the secretary of the commonwealth, the secretary of the land office, and surveyor general, be, and they, or any two of them, hereby are constituted and appointed a board of property, vested with the same powers and required to perform the same duties which were vested in and exercised by the board of property, under the first section of the act entitled "An act for instituting a board of property, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the eighth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one,⁽³⁾ or by any subsequent law.

Section VIII. (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the land office to prepare a seal to be styled "the seal of the land office of Pennsylvania," which, from and after the said tenth day of May next, shall be applied to all patents, warrants, and other papers authenticated in said office, and all patents and warrants which shall issue thereafter, shall be signed by said secretary, and the patents attested by his deputy or first clerk.

Section IX. (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all patents to be issued under the laws of this commonwealth, for any parts or portions of the reserved tracts, and for any of the in and out lots of the towns laid out and sold or to be sold under the laws of this state, situate north and west of the rivers Ohio, Allegheny, and Conewango Creek, which were directed to be sold and patented or conveyed by the governor, and for which titles have not yet issued, shall from and after the said tenth day of May next, issue out of said land office, under similar rules, regulations, and restrictions, by which they at present issue under the directions of the governor, and the powers and duties of the governor in respect to granting such patents and conveyances, are hereby transferred to and vested in the secretary of the land-office; and all the books, records, and papers, relative thereto, which are in the custody or possession of the governor and secretary of the commonwealth, or others, shall be deposited with the secretary of the land office.

Section X. (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the secretary of the land office and surveyor general shall, from and after the said tenth day of May next, be appointed by the governor for three years, but they shall nevertheless be removed from office by the governor, on the address of both houses of the legislature.

Section XI. (Section XI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the tenth day of May next, all acts and parts of any act or acts which is altered or supplied by this act, shall be and hereby are repealed and made void.⁽⁴⁾

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Note (1). See the next note.

Note (2). See Chapter 3369; (Act March 30, 1811), 19 Statutes at Large, partially repealing the Fourth and Sixth sections of the act in the text, and amending and consolidating the several acts relating to the settlement of the public accounts.

Note (3). Chapter 1522; 14 Statutes at Large, p. 6.

Note (4). See Chapter 3125; (Act April 4, 1809), *Infra* this volume, p. 1166.