

CHAPTER MMMCXXXI.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO DEFRAY CERTAIN EXPENSES
OF GOVERNMENT, 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 for the payment of the debts and expenses hereinafter mentioned, there are hereby appropriated out of the funds for the support of the government, the following sums, to wit: The sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the payment of certificates issued under the act, entitled "An act for the settlement of public accounts, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety;⁽¹⁾ for clerk hire in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, one thousand five hundred dollars; for contingent expenses in the said department for one year, one thousand one hundred dollars; for extra clerk hire in the office of the secretary of the land-office, one thousand six hundred dollars; and for contingent expenses in the same office, one thousand two hundred dollars; for extra clerk hire in the office of the surveyor general, six hundred dollars; for contingent expenses in the said office for one year, five hundred dollars; for extra clerk hire in the office of state treasurer, six hundred dollars; for contingent expenses in said office for one year, including the expense of keeping a watchman, six hundred dollars; for clerk hire in the office of the auditor general, sixteen hundred dollars; for contingent expenses in said office for one year, five hundred dollars.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sums hereby appropriated shall be paid by the state treasurer, previous to which, the

officers holding the aforesaid offices, shall exhibit the accounts and vouchers on which their expenditures shall have been founded, to the accountant department, who are hereby authorized and required to adjust and settle the same.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the accountant officers be, and they hereby are authorized and required to take into consideration the claim of Timothy Matlack, formerly clerk of the senate, and to adjust and settle his accounts as clerk of the senate, so far as the same shall be founded upon services rendered under any law or laws, or for monies advanced by him to pay the contingent expenses of the senate, and for which he has not received compensation; and should a balance be found to be due to the said Timothy Matlack, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the officers in the accountant department are hereby authorized and required to adjust and settle the accounts of the clerks who are now employed in the offices of comptroller general, register general and receiver general, and allow them a continuation of their present salaries. The clerks in the comptroller general's and register general's offices up to the first day of May next, and the clerks in the office of receiver general up to the tenth day of May next: Provided, they shall be continued by the respective officers, and perform their usual duties up to those periods; and for contingent expenses in the register general's office, there is allowed the further sum of forty dollars, and the state treasurer is hereby directed to pay the said clerk hire and contingent expenses out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Section V. (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for

the governor, and he is hereby authorized and required, should there be a deficiency of money in the treasury, to answer the legal demands against the state at any time previous to the meeting of the next legislature, to negotiate a loan or loans with either the bank of Pennsylvania or the Philadelphia bank, to any amount not exceeding with either or both, the sum of twenty thousand dollars: Provided, the same can be obtained at an interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum.

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Note (*). There is no Act of Assembly of the date mentioned in the text, nor any with a title precisely like that quoted. Chapter 1627, 14 Statutes at Large, p. 243, and dated April 4, 1792, is entitled, "An Act to provide for the settlement of public accounts, and for other purposes therein mentioned."