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OF THE

General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

Passed during two sessions,—the first commencing 7th December, 1790, and ending 13th of April, 1791,—the second commencing the 23d of August, and ending 30th of September, 1791. Being the first legislature under the present constitution.

THOMAS MIFFLIN, GOVERNOR.
RICHARD PETERS, SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.
WILLIAM BINGHAM, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

1791.

CHAPTER MDX.

An ACT to declare and establish the seals of this commonwealth.

SECT. I. WHEREAS the late convention of this commonwealth did, on the second day of September last, establish a new form of government for Pennsylvania, and no provision is therein made for public seals :

SECT. II. *Be it therefore 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 passing of this act, the seal, heretofore known by the name of the state seal, lately in the custody of the Supreme Executive Council, is hereby constituted the state seal, and shall be affixed to all patents, proclamations, and other public rolls, commissions, and papers of state, which require the great seal of the commonwealth, and to which the same has heretofore been usually applied.

The state seal established.

To be affixed to all patents, &c.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* the seal lately in the custody of the Supreme Executive Council, called the lesser seal, shall be henceforth deemed and taken, and shall be applied as the less seal of this commonwealth, and, as such, set to [land-office warrants,] marriage licences, licences to keep public houses, and such other documents, as have heretofore been issued under the lesser seal.

The lesser seal established.

To be set to warrants, &c.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* the said seals, respectively, shall be, and the same are hereby

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(g) See the notes to chap. 149, vol. 1, page 49, and the act to perpetuate the great seal of the commonwealth, passed 2d of March, 1809, and the description thereof in pursuance of said act, recorded in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, 1st of July, 1809. The seal of the secretary of the Land-Office is now to be applied to all land warrants by the 8th section of the act abolishing the office of Receiver-Gen-

eral, &c. passed 29th of March, 1809.

By the 6th section of an act passed 11th of April, 1807, chap. 2857, it is made the duty of the secretary of the commonwealth to sign all tavern and marriage licences. And see the 19th section of an act passed 30th of March, 1811, consolidating the accounting department, and the note to chap. 1521. *post.*

CHAPTER MDXI.

An ACT for instituting a board of property, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

The board of property constituted. To execute the duties of the former board.

SECT. I. *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 secretary of the Land-Office, [the Receiver-General,] the Surveyor-General, and [Master of the rolls,] for the time being, or any [three] of them, shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed a Board of Property, with authority to exercise all the powers, under the same rules and regulations, as granted to the Board of Property instituted by an act of the General Assembly of this commonwealth, passed the fifth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, entitled "An Act to vest certain powers in the president of this state, together with the other officers therein named, and for other purposes therein mentioned."* And the secretary of the Land-Office is hereby empowered to appoint days of hearing, and grant citations, at the reasonable request of any person or persons applying for the same, or otherwise, as the case may require.

Secretary to appoint days of hearing, &c.

Land-Office warrants to be signed by the Governor, &c. (This section repealed, and supplied.)

Patents, in what form to be granted. (So much as is between crotchets, repealed and supplied, see note.)

[SECT. II. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act, all warrants issuing out of the Land-Office of this commonwealth shall be under the lesser seal of the state, and signed by the governor.*]

SECT. III. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all patents issuing under the authority of this commonwealth shall be by deed poll, and shall be signed by the [governor, and countersigned by the secretary appointed, or to be appointed, conformably to the fifteenth section of the second article of the constitution, or by the] secretary of the Land-Office, [and under the great seal of the state,] and being in the following style, viz. "The commonwealth of Pennsylvania, To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:"* and then continue in the usual form.

Under what seal patents, &c. issue.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, [That the governor shall cause the lesser seal of the state to be af-*