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An ACT to provide for the support of the government of this commonwealth.

WHEREAS the formation of a new system of government in this commonwealth, the extinction of some offices heretofore established, and the substitution of others, render it necessary to provide reasonable and adequate compensations for those who are, and shall be, employed in the service of the public :

SECT. I. *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 the public officers hereafter mentioned shall, respectively, be entitled to receive of this commonwealth, in full compensation of their respective services in such offices, the annual salaries and daily appointments hereafter mentioned ; that is to say,

Salaries &c.
of the officers
of govern-
ment.

The Governor for the time being, the sum of two thousand pounds per annum.

The Speaker of the Senate, when he shall exercise the office of Governor, in the cases provided for by the constitution, at the rate of twelve hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

The Speaker of the Senate, for every day he shall attend the Senate, when he shall not exercise the office of Governor, and the Speaker of the Senate pro tempore, the sum of twenty-two shillings and six pence per diem. (o)

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the sum of twenty-two shillings and six pence, for every day he shall attend the House of Representatives. (p)

The members of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, the sum of fifteen shillings, for every day they shall attend upon their respective duties. (q)

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the sum of one thousand pounds per annum, and thirty shillings per day, whilst on the circuit, as a full allowance for all travelling expenses.

The Assistant Judges of the same court, the sum of six hundred pounds per annum, respectively; and thirty shillings per day, whilst on the circuit, as a full allowance for all travelling expenses. (r)

[This court
abolished.]

[The three Associate Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals, six dollars, for every day they shall attend during the session of the said court.]

The President of the courts of Common Pleas of that circuit, which shall include the city and county of Philadelphia, the sum of six hundred pounds per annum; (s) and the other presidents of the several courts of Common Pleas, the sum of five hundred pounds per annum, respectively. (t)

(o) Increased one dollar per diem, post. chap. 1665, 8th April, 1793.

(p) Increased one dollar per diem, ibid.

(q) Increased one dollar per diem, ibid.

(r) Increased 400 dollars per an-

num, chap. 1887, 1995, 4th April, 1796, and 4th April, 1798.

(s) Increased 400 dollars per annum, ibid.

(t) Increased 266 dollars 66 cents, ibid.

The judges of the said courts, the sum of thirty pounds per annum, respectively. (u) 1791.

The Attorney-General, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum. (x)

The Treasurer of the state, the sum of five hundred pounds per annum.

The Surveyor-General, the sum of five hundred pounds per annum.

The Secretary of the Land-Office the sum of five hundred pounds per annum.

[The Receiver-General of the Land-Office, the sum of five hundred pounds per annum.]

[The Comptroller-General, the sum of eight hundred pounds per annum.]

[These offices abolished, ed.]

The Register-General, the sum of five hundred pounds per annum.]

[The clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, the sum of twenty shillings for every day they shall attend upon their respective duties, with such further occasional allowances for assistants and extraordinary services, as each house, respectively, shall from time to time deem necessary.]

[Repealed and supplied by annual salaries and daily pay, 22d April, 1794, chap. 1749.]

[The sergeants-at-arms of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, the sum of ten shillings, for every day they shall attend upon the duties of their several stations.

[And the door-keepers of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, the sum of ten shillings for every day they shall attend upon the duties of their several stations.]

SECT. II. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every member of the Senate and of the House of Representatives shall be further allowed, once in each sitting of the General Assembly, the sum of nine pence for each mile he shall travel in coming to, and returning from the Legislature.

Travelling expenses of the members to be paid.

SECT. III. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That a further annual allowance shall also be made to the public officers hereafter mentioned, for the purpose of employing a clerk or clerks in their respective offices; that is to say,

Specific sums allowed for clerks, &c.

[To the Surveyor-General, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

[Altered, from time to time, by subsequent laws.]

To the Secretary of the Land-Office, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

To the Receiver-General of the Land-Office, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

To the Comptroller-General, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

To the Register-General, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

(u) The compensation of the Assistant Judges of the county of Philadelphia, is increased 120 dollars per annum, and of other Assistant Judges throughout the state 60 dollars. See post. chap. 1665.

(x) The Attorney-General to receive the usual fees in his office. See post. chap. 1622, 4th April, 1792. (Notes to former edition.)

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And to the State Treasurer, the sum of two hundred pounds per annum.]

Additional clerks, how to be allowed

SECT. IV. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That besides the allowances already made by the provisions of this act, there is hereby vested in the Governor a discretionary power, (on application of the officers of the before mentioned departments,) to sanction the employment of additional clerks, whenever the urgent business of the offices requires it; provided the whole amount of the expense thereof does not exceed the following sums, in the respective offices:

In that of the Surveyor-General, the sum of seventy-five pounds.

Of the Secretary of the Land-Office, the sum of seventy-five pounds.

(Obsolete.)

[*Repealed 30th March, 1811.]

[Obsolete.]

[Of the Receiver-General, the sum of seventy-five pounds.]

[Of the Treasurer,* the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds.]

[Of the Comptroller-General, the sum of four hundred pounds.]

[Of the Register-General, the sum of seventy-five pounds.]

And the faith of the state is hereby pledged to provide for the increased expenses, incurred in consequence of this arrangement.

The salaries and pay when to commence.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said salaries and allowances, respectively, shall commence from the passing of this act, except the following, which shall respectively commence from the several periods hereafter mentioned; that is to say,

For the Governor, from the third Tuesday of December last.

For the Speaker and members of each branch of the legislature, and their several officers, from the commencement of their services, respectively.

For the Chief Justice and Assistant Judges of the Supreme Court, from the respective dates of the commissions to them granted, or to be granted, by the Governor.

And for the Presidents and Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas, from the first day of September next.

Passed 13th April, 1791.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 198.

CHAPTER MDLXIV.

An ACT to establish the judicial courts of this commonwealth, in conformity to the alterations and amendments in the constitution. (y)

WHEREAS it is expedient to carry into effect the provisions of the constitution respecting the courts of justice in this commonwealth, and so to organize the same, as to secure an efficient, safe, and uniform administration of the laws: Therefore,

(y) For a general view of the various acts respecting the judiciary department, and the many alterations in the constitution and jurisdiction of the courts of justice in Pennsylvania, see 1st vol. chap. 255, page 131, and the notes there subjoined. (*Notes to former edition.*)