

CHAPTER MDLII.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF ABRAHAM LUKENS.

Whereas John Fox, late of the city of Philadelphia, cutler, having been attainted of high treason against this commonwealth, his estate became thereby forfeited to the use of the commonwealth, and in pursuance of the acts of assembly in such case made and provided, hath been disposed of at public sale; and, whereas it hath been represented to the legislature that the said John Fox was, at the time of his being so attained, indebted, by bond, to a certain Elizabeth Jones, then a minor, that the bond was deposited without the knowledge of the said Elizabeth Jones, her guardians or friends among the records of the orphans' court for the county of Philadelphia, from which circumstance no claim for the said debt was preferred within the time limited by law, and that the said Elizabeth Jones, having since intermarried with Robert Lukens, the said bond has been by them, for a valuable consideration, assigned to Abraham Lukens, of the township of Horsham, in the county of Montgomery; and whereas, the said Abraham Lukens hath prayed the legislature to grant him relief in the premises, and it is just and reasonable that his petition should be granted.

[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 it shall be lawful for the said Abraham Lukens, or his executors and administrators, to prefer to the judges of the supreme court a claim against the commonwealth, for the moneys due to him as assignee of the said Robert Lukens and Elizabeth, his wife, from the estate of the said John Fox, and that the like proceedings shall be had, as in and by the several acts of assembly of this common-

wealth are made and provided, in case of debts due from persons attainted of high treason. Provided, That such claim be preferred within twelve months from and after the passing of this act.

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CHAPTER MDLIII

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF JAMES OFFICER.

Whereas a petition, on behalf of James Officer, hath been presented to the legislature, setting forth that two certificates, each of them for the sum of nine pounds, one of them numbered five thousand and eighty-four, the other of them numbered six thousand four hundred and ninety, issued in pursuance of certain acts of the general assembly by the comptroller-general to the said James Officer, on account of his services in the militia of the county of Cumberland, have been casually destroyed by fire, and praying that the said certificates may be renewed: And whereas it is unreasonable that the public, having received the consideration, should derive advantage from private calamity, by refusing to renew the acknowledgment of the debt.

[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 comptroller-general shall be, and he is hereby authorized and required to issue two certificates, in favor of the said James Officer, for the same sums of money and of the same tenor and date, respectively, with those hereinbefore mentioned. Provided always, That before any such certificates shall be issued, due proof shall be made to the said comptroller-general, by one or more creditable witnesses, that the certificates hereinbefore mentioned were, as is alleged, casually destroyed by fire.

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