

CHAPTER MDLXXI.

AN ACT TO APPOINT A COMMISSIONER TO SUPERINTEND THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS STATE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas the settlement of the accounts of this commonwealth with the United States is an object of such essential consequence to the public interests as to demand the immediate and most pointed notice of the legislature.

[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 a commission be instituted, for the sole and express purpose of superintending the settlement of the accounts of this commonwealth with the United States, and that a person of integrity and competent abilities to discharge its duties be forthwith appointed by the governor, to execute the same.

[Section II.] (Section II. P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the comptroller-general be, and he is hereby enjoined to prepare and adjust all the aforesaid accounts, and to make all communications, and to render every assistance to the commissioner that his official knowledge of this branch of the public accounts will necessarily enable him to do, and he is further directed and required, on application of the commissioner, to deliver to him all accounts, books, papers and vouchers, that he may require or demand, for the purpose of obtaining a full and final settlement of the accounts of this commonwealth with the United States.

[Section III.] (Section III. P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the salary hereby allotted to the said commissioner shall be at the rate of eight hundred pounds per annum, and shall be paid out of the funds appropriated for the support of government.

[Section IV.] (Section IV. P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioner appointed by virtue of this act may, with the approbation of the governor, employ such a number of clerks, as shall be necessary to carry the provisions of this act into effect; and that the comptroller-general may also, with the approbation of the governor, in addition to the clerks allowed him by an act, entitled "An act to provide for the support of the government of this commonwealth,"⁽¹⁾ employ such a number of additional clerks, as will enable him to adjust and prepare the above mentioned accounts within the time limited by the congress of the United States for their presentation, the salaries of which clerks, respectively, shall be paid out of the funds appropriated for the support of government.

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¹ Passed April 13, 1791, Chapter 1574.

CHAPTER MDLXXII.

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF WARDENS OF THE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A DEBT CONTRACTED BY THEM.

Whereas the board of wardens of the port of Philadelphia has been found, in various respects, eminently useful to the commerce of this state, but the establishment of the present constitution of the United States, and the cession of the lighthouse at Cape Henlopen, with the beacons, buoys, and public piers, in the river Delaware, and the lands and tenements there-to belonging, by reducing the number of objects under the care of the board of wardens, necessarily requires a diminution of the expenses attending it; and whereas it appears that a debt amounting to one hundred and fifty-eight pounds eleven shillings and nine-pence has, previous to the thirteenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, been un-