

enacted, and report to them at their next sessions in the said county the state thereof, which report, on oath or affirmation, if it contain an offense committed against this act, shall be sufficient ground for the court to direct a bill of indictment to be sent to the grand jury, and upon prosecution to conviction of an offense against this act, or the act declaring a part of Shearman's creek a public highway, the party or parties so convicted shall be liable to pay a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court and the court shall adjudge so much of the said dam to be abated or altered as will bring the same within the limitations and provisions in this act.

Passed February 14, 1797. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 142, etc.

CHAPTER MCMXVII.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF ROBERT SAMPLE.

Whereas by an act entitled, "A supplement to an act for directing the mode of distributing the donation lands promised to the troops of this commonwealth"¹ it is required that any person or persons, whose lands have fallen in the state of New York, shall, previous to their receiving lands within this state, deliver up their patents for that which fell in the state of New York:

And whereas, it is represented to the legislature, that Robert Sample, a captain in the late continental army in the line of this state, received a patent for a tract of five hundred acres of donation land which fell in the state of New York, which patent has been mislaid or lost, by reason whereof he is deprived of the bounty of the state:

And whereas, it is just and reasonable that relief should be granted in the premises:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby en-

acted by the authority of the same, That the governor be and he is hereby authorized and required to cause a patent to be granted to the said Robert Sample for a tract of five hundred acres of land, which he drew, in lieu of that which fell in the state of New York, anything in the said recited act to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided, That the said Robert Sample doth previously give a quit-claim to the commonwealth for any compensation he may be entitled to on account of his loss. And provided also, That he give sufficient security to indemnify this commonwealth from any claim which may be made under the first mentioned patent.

Passed February 14, 1797. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 142.

1Passed September 30, 1791, Chapter 1592.

CHAPTER MCMXVIII.

AN ACT TO AFFORD RELIEF TO CERTAIN DISTRESSED FRENCH EMIGRANTS.

Whereas the calamities of war and intestine commotion have compelled numbers of the French inhabitants of the West India islands to abandon their estates and dwellings, and to take refuge in the United States, unprovided with the necessary means of subsistence and the legislature of this commonwealth has heretofore granted relief to those who had arrived in Pennsylvania, many of whom yet remain in a state of distress:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) 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 it shall and may be lawful for the governor of this commonwealth, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to draw one or more warrants on the state treasurer, for any sum or sums not exceeding one thousand dollars in the whole, in favor of Godfrey Haga, Edward