

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

Penington, Robert Ralston, Samuel P. Griffiths, Joseph Lownes, Samuel Mechlin and Joseph Sansom, who are hereby appointed commissioners to receive and distribute the same, in such manner and proportions, either in specie, or in necessaries by them provided, to and among such persons suffering as aforesaid as to them, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall appear proper objects of this charity.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the state treasurer shall pay the sum or sums of money, to be mentioned in the said warrant or warrants, out of the fund appropriated to the support of government, and shall charge, and be allowed for the same, in the settlement of his account, and that the said commissioners shall keep and render to the governor, to be laid before the legislature, a just account of the distribution and expenditure of the said moneys, and of the number and description of persons relieved thereby.

Passed February 21, 1797. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 146, etc.

CHAPTER MCMXIX.

AN ACT FOR RAISING, BY WAY OF LOTTERY, THE SUM OF TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO BE APPLIED TO THE ERECTION OF A STONE ARCH BRIDGE OVER PERKIOMEN CREEK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, ON THE ROAD LEADING FROM PHILADELPHIA TO THE BOROUGH OF READING.

Whereas a number of the inhabitants of the county of Montgomery, by their petition to the legislature, have stated that a grand jury of the said county have voted the sum of two thousand pounds, out of the public stock of the said county, for the purpose of erecting a stone bridge over the said creek, at or near the place where the road from Philadelphia to Reading crosses the same, and that the said sum, together with the sum