

1783.

APRIL.

L A W S O F M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P. XXVIII. Officers to have depreciation, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all officers of the quota of the troops of this state, who were in the service of the United States, who had served two years, and who resigned prior to the passing the aforesaid act, shall have the depreciation of their pay for the time they were in service made good to them, in the same manner as the aforesaid act directs the depreciation to be made good to those who were in service at the time of passing the same; and where any such officer has been killed in the aforesaid service, or has died, the depreciation of his pay shall be made good to his legal representatives, in the same manner as it would be to him if living.

Soldiers discharged to have depreciation, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all soldiers of the quota of the troops of this state, enlisted for three years, who were in the service of the United States, and whose time of enlistment expired, and all those who from sickness, bodily infirmity, or having been wounded in the service, were discharged before the passing the aforesaid act, shall have the depreciation of their pay for the time they were in service made good to them, in the same manner as the aforesaid act directs the depreciation to be made good to those who were in service at the time of passing the same; and where any such soldier has been killed in the aforesaid service, or has died, the depreciation of his pay shall be made good to his legal representatives, in the same manner as it would be to him if living.

Officers, inhabitants, to have depreciation, &c.

IV. AND, whereas by the resolution of congress of the thirty-first of December, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, it is recommended to the several states respectively, to settle the depreciation of the pay, of all the officers that are inhabitants of their respective states, and shall retire from service under the preceding resolutions, (alluding to resolutions of the same day,) in the same manner as they settled with the officers of the line of their state, and charge the same to the United States; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That all officers, inhabitants of this state, who did belong to the continental army, and who are within the description of the resolutions of congress of the thirty-first of December, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, shall have the depreciation of their pay for the time they were in service made good to them, in the same manner as the act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes, directs the depreciation to be made good to those who were in service at the time of passing the same; and where any such officer has been killed in the service, or has died, the depreciation of his pay shall be made good to his legal representatives, in the same manner as it would be to him if living; and the auditor-general is hereby directed to charge the amount of all certificates issued in virtue of this act to the United States.

Passed 1st of June, 1783.

C H A P. XXIX. An ACT to relieve certain purchasers of confiscated property. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 318. A Private Act.

Preamble.

C H A P. XXX. An ACT to authorise the probat of wills in the county where the witnesses reside. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 319.

WHEREAS it has already, and may hereafter frequently happen, that testators may make their last will in counties remote from the county where their real estate may lie, and it is very inconvenient for the witnesses to such will to prove the same, as now required by law;

Where wills may be proved, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any last will and testament made, or hereafter to be made, may be proved in the orphans court of the county, or before the register of such court, where the witnesses, or the greater part of them, may live; and letters testamentary may be granted, and administration of the estate of such testator made and completed in such county; and if any personal property lies in any other county, warrant may issue to inhabitants of such county to appraise the personal property in such county.

Executors to procure a copy, &c.

III. AND, whereas it may be proper in some cases to prove the will in the county where the witnesses reside, and to obtain letters testamentary in the county where the personal property of the testator lies, BE IT ENACTED, That if the executor shall prove any will agreeable to the liberty given by this act, and desire to obtain letters testamentary in any other county, that in such case he shall procure an attested copy under the seal of the orphans court, of the will and probat, and on producing the same to the orphans court (or register) of any other county, the same shall be recorded there, and he may obtain letters testamentary thereon, in the same manner as if the original will had been proved in such county.

Such parts of this act as are inconsistent with or repugnant to the act of 1798, ch. 101, are by that act repealed.

C H A P.