

An act directing the manner in which the real Soldier or honest Claimant, among those who had military accounts settled at Warrenton, in the year 1786, shall obtain certificates, and making provision for such Claimants whose accounts are yet unsettled, and directing the manner in which certain certificates therein mentioned shall be received at the treasurer's and comptroller's office.

(Passed Dec. 15, 1790.)

BE it enacted by the general assembly of the state of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the agent or agents on the part of this state for settling the accounts of North Carolina with the United States, be, and they are hereby called en and required to transmit to the public treasurer of this state, on or before the first day of May next, an accurate and correct list of the names of all and every of the real military claimants, whose accounts were settled by the commissioners appointed for that purpose at Warrenton in the year 1786, either by themselves or through others, together with a true copy of the muster rolls of the continental line of this state, which were returned during the war or at any time since, and a complete list or return of all the settlements made by the several boards of commissioners appointed to liquidate the claims of the continental line of this state for their services during the war, including the whole of that business done either at Halifax or Warrenton: which lists and returns shall be made by the agent or agents as aforesaid in alphabetical order, the said agent or agents stating the particular sums due to each claimant agreeably to the public records and acts of congress on that subject; and also inserting the sums due each individual under the authority of the several acts of this state, and on the principles on which the accounts of the officers and soldiers were settled at Halifax in the years 1783, 1784 and 1785.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the public treasurer on being so furnished as aforesaid, shall, on application of any person holding a certificate issued by the board of commissioners at Warrenton in the year 1786, take up such certificate or certificates and re issue in lieu thereof to the holder or holders, other certificates of the like tenor and for the same sums; provided the agent or agents do report so much as being due to the claimant on the principle last mentioned in the first clause of this act; but should their report be otherwise, he shall then issue an indent-

ed certificate as aforesaid, for the amount of the sum so reported, and for no more.

Provided nevertheless, that it is to be hereby understood, and it is expressly declared, that the treasurer shall not grant certificates to any person in lieu of others they may hold, unless the name of the holder in favour of whom the original certificate was granted, shall be contained in the list to be furnished him by the agent or agents of this state as aforesaid; nor shall he grant certificates or due bills to others applying, unless the name of the person applying, or for whom application is made, shall be contained in the list or muster rolls sent him, nor even then until he is convinced the person so applying or for whom application is made, was in fact a soldier, and served as such in the continental line of this state.

And whereas in many instances it hath happened, that real soldiers or their representatives, residing at a distance from those places in which the office of the commissioners of army accounts were kept, never did apply for a settlement of their just claims:

Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all war soldiers, and others serving less time but more than twelve months—all twelve months and nine months men, or their representatives (being persons of the above description, that is to say, such who never did either by themselves or through others settle their accounts) on making it appear by undoubted testimony, and to the satisfaction of the public treasurer, that they are really and justly entitled to pay, as aforesaid, shall receive from the treasurer a certificate and due bill, for all sums due them previous to the first day of January 1782, in the same manner and on the like principles as such were granted by the board of commissioners at Halifax as aforesaid; provided the name of the soldier applying, or who is said to have done the service, is actually contained in the muster rolls so forwarded as aforesaid; and provided also, that it does not appear any settlement hath already been had in his name—and the due bills to be granted shall be taken up and paid off by the treasurer.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the public treasurer for his services herein, shall receive a compensation to be made him by the next general assembly, and likewise an allowance for such sums as he may necessarily expend in employing assistants, paying the printer of certificates, or otherwise.

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counts at Warrenton in the year 1786, and which shall not be presented to the treasurer, agreeably to the intent and meaning of this act, on or before the rise of the next session of the general assembly shall be considered false, and expressly barred from liquidation or exchange, and that this state will not consider itself bound to pay such, nor liable for their redemption in any manner whatever, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, That all certificates reissued by the treasurer to any person or persons residing in the western territory, shall be received in the payment of taxes due from the inhabitants of the said territory, and for no other debt whatever.

And be it further enacted, That this act and every part thereof, shall be published in the State Gazette, immediately on the rise of the present assembly, and the publication continued for the space of three months.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANKFORT, Oct. 3.

ON Thursday last came on the election for a king of the Romans, in the room of the late emperor. All the usual ceremonies were observed with great splendor and magnificence; the three ecclesiastical electors assisted in person, and his apostolic majesty was unanimously made choice of for that dignity. The new elected king will make his formal entry into this town tomorrow, and take the oaths to observe the capitulation.

LONDON, October 15.

Mr. Shaw, the king's messenger was suddenly dispatched by the English ambassador at Paris, on Tuesday night at twelve o'clock, and he reached London about the same hour on Thursday night, after having been detained some time at Boulogne. On his arrival there, in order to