

**PUBLIC LANDS - LAND OFFICE - WARRANTS AND PATENTS**

**Act of Mar. 22, 1813, P.L. 160, No. 117**

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**AN ACT**

Confirming titles issued to and authorizing the sale of certain lands lying within the depreciation districts, north and west of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers.

Section 1. Warrants and patents to be issued to all actual settlers, etc.

The Secretary of the Land Office is hereby authorized and required to issue warrants and patents to all actual settlers, or their representatives, who have heretofore or shall hereafter settle on any of the depreciation land, north and west of the rivers Ohio and Allegheny, which were surveyed into tracts and remained unsold, or the sales whereof have not been confirmed by the supreme executive council, agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, passed March 12, 1783, and not otherwise reserved and appropriated by law, in the same manner and on the same conditions that titles are issued to other actual settlers, for lands on the same side of said rivers; excepting those parts of said land that have been surveyed on warrants, or for which warrants descriptive of the land on which they were located have been entered with the deputy surveyor of the district previous to such settlement. 1813, March 22, P.L. 160, 6 Sm. L. 54, Sec. 1.

Section 2. Warrants and patents heretofore issued, valid

All warrants and patents which have been heretofore issued on an actual settlement and residence, for any of the aforesaid land, shall be as good and sufficient to vest a title in such actual settlers, or their legal representatives, as though the same had been done under the authority of a law of the State. 1813, March 22, P.L. 160, 6 Sm. L. 54, Sec. 2.

Section 3. Title may be completed, on recording compromise

In all cases where any warrant (except a warrant of acceptance,) may have been issued for any of the aforesaid land, and a survey was made thereon, and subsequent and adverse to such warrantee's claim, an actual settlement and residence has been made upon such tract, and where the actual settler, or his representative, and the warrantee or his representative, shall, within two years after the passing of this act, make an agreement agreeably to the second and subsequent sections of an Act passed March 20, 1811, for compromising certain disputed cases; and where such agreement shall be recorded accordingly, a title shall then be completed according to said act: provided always, That nothing in this act contained, shall be so construed as to make the State liable to refund any money in consequence of any compromise which may take place between any actual settler or warrant holder, under the provisions of this act. 1813, March 22, P.L. 160, 6 Sm. L. 54, Sec. 3.

Section 4. Proceedings in case of compromise

In all cases where an actual settler has, adverse to the original warrantee, taken possession of a tract of land, north and west of the rivers Ohio and Allegheny and Conewango Creek,

which had been surveyed on an original warrant, and has made such actual settlement, residence and improvements as are described in the ninth section of the act, entitled, ,,an act for the sale of vacant land within this Commonwealth," and an agreement or compromise hath taken place between such actual settler, or his legal representative, and the original warrantee, or his legal representative, prior to the passing of the act, entitled :An Act providing for the settlement of certain disputed titles to land north and west of the rivers Ohio and Allegheny and Conewango Creek," passed March 20, 1811, the evidence whereof hath been or shall be proved or acknowledged, and recorded in the proper county, that in such case the commonwealth shall cease to have any further claim to said tract, and the title to the same shall be confirmed to such warrantee and settler, or their legal representatives accordingly: provided always, that it is not intended by the provisions of this section to recognize any agreement or compromise, where a less quantity than one hundred and fifty acres clear of expense has been agreed upon, to be granted to the settler, excepting in cases where the warrantee furnished the settler with money, provisions or other articles, to enable said settler to improve and settle such tract of land; in which cases the title shall be confirmed to the parties, where not less than fifty acres has been agreed upon to be given to the settler, clear of expense, together with the articles so furnished. 1813, March 22, P.L. 160, 6 Sm. L. 54, Sec. 4.