

CHAPTER LXXI.

An ACT to enable Margaret Keith to sell and convey a certain Tract of Land in Middletown township, Cumberland county.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS it appears, by the petition of Margaret Keith, and documents accompanying the same, that Charles M^cHaffey was possessed of a tract of land in Cumberland county, containing one hundred and ninety acres and a half, by virtue of a warrant, dated the twenty-ninth day of January, in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-three, for one hundred acres of land, surveyed by William Lyon, esquire, the eighteenth day of August one thousand seven hundred and sixty-one; and it also appears that the said Charles M^cHaffey died intestate in Middletown township, and county aforesaid; and that Margaret Keith, alias Margaret M^cHaffey, is the only daughter and heir to the estate of the said Charles M^cHaffey, and has administered thereon; and that about thirty years since the said Margaret intermarried with a certain Timothy Keith, a foreigner, from the kingdom of Ireland; and that the said Keith absconded from Cumberland county, about twenty years since, and has never yet returned, which renders her unable to support herself, without making sale of the land aforesaid. And whereas the said Margaret cannot make sufficient title to any purchaser, on account of the desertion of her said husband, and being considered in law as in a state of coverture; therefore cannot sell to advantage, nor can she obtain a patent for said land, in her own name: For remedy whereof,

Section 1. *Be it 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 the said Margaret Keith be, and she is hereby empowered to take out a patent for the said one hundred and ninety acres and a half of land, be the same more or less, she paying the purchase-money, and the office fees for the same; and likewise shall have power to sell the same, or any part thereof, and make and execute a sufficient deed or deeds to the purchaser, or purchasers; which deed or deeds shall be as effectual and available in law, as if the said Charles M'Haffey had done the same in his life time, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Empowering
Margaret
Keith to take
out a patent
for a certain
tract of land;

and to sell the
same.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—March the nineteenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.