

## CHAPTER XXXVI.

*An ACT releasing all Claims of the Commonwealth to the Lands contained within the Borough of York.*

**W**HEREAS it hath been represented to the <sup>Preamble,</sup> Legislature, by fundry inhabitants of the borough of York, in this State, that John Penn and Richard Penn, late proprietaries of Pennsylvania, have, by their agent John R. Coats, esquire, made claim to the lots and land contained within the lines of the borough of York, as part of their private property or estates, reserved to them by an act of Assembly of this State, and that the freeholders of said borough, willing to avoid law-suits, have made an advantageous contract with the said John R. Coats, esquire, by which the said John R. Coats, agent as aforesaid, hath agreed for the consideration mentioned in said contract, to release and confirm to the several persons holding lots in said borough, all the right, interest and claim of the said John Penn and Richard Penn, and also all claim to the unappropriated lands in the said borough to the corporation thereof; but that said bargain or agreement was to be conditional, until the Legislature should pass a law relinquishing the claim of this State to all right, title, interest and claim within the said borough: Wherefore for the purpose of giving effect to said contract,

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* <sup>All interest & claim of the Commonwealth to the lots and land</sup> all right, interest and claim of this Commonwealth to all and every part of the lots and lands <sup>included</sup>

within the borough of York, relinquished.

included in said borough, which are held and occupied by any person or persons, religious societies, or bodies politic, deriving their authority from the late proprietaries, are hereby released, confirmed and forever quit claim to such person or persons, religious societies, and bodies politic, so occupying and holding the same, and all the right, interest and claim of this State to the remainder of the lots and lands contained within said borough, are hereby released, remised and forever quit claim to the corporation, for the use of said borough: *Provided always*, That nothing herein contained shall ever be construed to relinquish or impair any right or interest the State may have in and to any lands within the bounds of the reputed manor of Springettsbury, other than those within the borough aforesaid, nor as a guarantee of the State to the lands or lots within the borough aforesaid, nor to defeat and impair the claim or title of any person or persons to the lands or lots within the borough aforesaid.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*

*of the House of Representatives.*

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*

*of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*

*of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*