

and others, did in his life time sell and engaged to convey to sundry persons, several lots of ground of the tract aforesaid, of which sale or engagement there are no written evidences sufficient to enable the administrators of the said deceased to fulfil the same, and to make and execute deeds to the purchasers of the said lots of ground, consistent with the existing laws of this commonwealth: Therefore,

SECT. I. *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 Lenox Shepperd and Phebe Shepperd, administrators of the estate of Henry Lenox Shepperd, deceased. be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered by sufficient deed or deeds in law to convey, release and assure to the purchaser or purchasers or to the heirs or assigns of the purchaser or purchasers of any lot or lots of ground, being part of a tract of land situate in South Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, adjoining lands of Ezekiel Sample, Esq. Nathan Smith, Philip Neagan and others, from the said Henry Lenox Shepperd, in his life time, for which no written evidence exists sufficient to enable the said administrators to execute such deed or deeds consistent with the existing laws of this commonwealth, all the right, title, interest, property and estate, whatsoever in law or equity, which the said Henry Lenox Shepperd had in his life time to the tract of land aforesaid, with the appurtenances where it shall satisfactorily appear that the purchase money thereof has been or shall be duly paid, which deed or deeds when executed by the said administrators, shall be as effectual in law to all intents and purposes as if the said Henry Lenox Shepperd had fully executed such contract and conveyed to the said purchasers the lot or lots of ground respectively in his life time.

Leonard Shepperd & others authorized to convey certain lots in Westmoreland county.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives.*

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the sixteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER IV.

An ACT authorizing Thomas McKean Thompson to sell and convey in fee simple, a certain interest in a tract of donation land therein mentioned.

JOHN HALSTED and Edward J. Ball, having represented to the legislature, that Elbert H. Halsted late of the borough

of Lancaster, died intestate and without issue, being seized in his life time, in fee simple, of a tract of donation land situate in the county of Mercer, numbered seven hundred and fifty, in the fourth donation district, containing two hundred acres, leaving at the time of his death a father, the above named John Halsted, who by the intestate laws of this commonwealth, became entitled to a life estate therein, and John J. Halsted and Andrew Halsted, minors and sons of John Halsted deceased, a brother of the said Elbert H. Halsted and John Halsted Ball, a minor son of Edward J. Ball, by Susan his wife, late deceased, who was a sister of the said Elbert H. Halsted, Matthias Halsted the brother and Alletta the wife of Thomas M. Thompson, Elizabeth the wife of Alexander Caldwell and Joanna W. Halsted, the three sisters of the said Elbert H. Halsted, in whom the remainder of the estate in the said tract of land after the determination of the said life estate is vested by law: That the said tract of land is uncultivated and liable to taxation, and cannot be improved or advantageously divided among so many heirs, and have requested that a law may be passed, authorizing the sale of the undivided interest of the said John J. Halsted and Andrew Halsted, and John Halsted Ball, the minors aforesaid, of and in the said tract of land: And it appears that John Halsted has released and surrendered his life estate in the said tract of land to his children and grand children, so that the said remainder has come into possession, and it is reasonable to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore,

SECTION I. *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 Thomas McKean Thompson, be, and he hereby is authorized to sell and convey to any person or persons who will purchase the same in fee simple, the share or proportion of the estate of John J. Halsted and Andrew Halsted and John Halsted Ball, of and in a tract of donation land situate in Mercer county, and numbered seven hundred and fifty in the fourth donation district, containing two hundred acres, which became vested in them by the decease of their uncle Elbert H. Halsted, intestate, unmarried and without issue, and appropriate and account for the proceeds thereof for the benefit of the said John J. Halsted, and Andrew Halsted and John Halsted Ball, according to their respective interests therein.

Thomas M. Thompson authorized to convey a portion of the Estate of J. J. Halsted and others, and appropriate the proceeds to the benefit of the said J. J. Halsted and others.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.