

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* No vacancy
That in case of a vacancy hereafter happening in the office of a judge of the supreme court, the governor shall not supply such vacancy, unless the number of judges shall be reduced to fewer than three, in which case he shall commission so many as shall complete that number, and no more. to be filled, unless the number be reduced to less than three.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* Persons charged with any criminal offence in the mayor's court of the city of Philadelphia, the defendant or defendants, traverser or traversers, in addition to his, her or their right or power to remove the same into the supreme court, as heretofore may forthwith, but not at any after session of right, demand that such indictment, prosecution or charge with all the records and proceedings, touching the same, be transferred or remitted to the court of quarter sessions of the peace of the county of Philadelphia, and the same shall be there proceeded in, tried and determined in the same manner, and to all intents and purposes according to law, as if the same had been found, prosecuted or instituted in the said court of sessions, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. charged with any criminal offence in the mayor's court, may have the cause removed to the court of quarter sessions of the county of Philadelphia.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after the fourth Monday of October next, and not before. Act, to take effect, 4th Monday in October next

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the original act, and of any other act or acts as is hereby altered or supplied, and no more, as soon as this act shall go into operation and not before, shall be, and is hereby repealed. Parts of other acts repealed.

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

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

APPROVED—the eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XXIX.

An ACT to regulate the issuing of patents for donation land.

SECTION I. **B**^E *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 no patent for a donation tract of land shall issue on any application which may be made after the passing of this act, to any heirs of the officers and privates who died or were slain in the service of the United States, and entitled to receive No patents to issue for donation lands, except to the

widow, or children of a deceased officer or soldier.

donation land, under the laws of this commonwealth, except to the widows and children, or either thereof of such officers and privates: *Provided always*, That nothing herein contained, shall in any wise be taken to affirm or impair the rights of any person or persons on applications as aforesaid, heretofore made.

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

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

APPROVED—the eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

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CHAPTER XXX.

An ACT to empower Anthony Beelen, Alexander M. Laughlin, and Zachariah A. Tannebill, Executors of the last Will and Testament of William Porter, deceased, to execute a deed of conveyance, for a quarter-lot of ground in the borough of Pittsburgh to George Wallace, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it appears to the legislature, that William Porter, late of the borough of Pittsburgh, deceased, did by a parole contract, a short time previous to his death, agree with George Wallace of Pitt township in the county of Allegheny, that the said William Porter should exchange an undivided fourth part of lot, number two hundred and eighteen, in the said borough of Pittsburgh, bounded by Wood-street, Front-street lot, number two hundred and seventeen, and Second-street, for an undivided fourth part of lot, number two hundred and nineteen, in said borough, bounded by Front-street, Wood-street, Second-street, and lot number two hundred and twenty, and that the said George Wallace should pay to the said William Porter, the sum of eighty dollars as a difference in the value of the said pieces of ground: And whereas the contract was in the lifetime of the said William Porter, so far carried into execution, that payment was made of the said sum of eighty dollars, and the parties put into possession of the respective pieces of ground exchanged as aforesaid: And whereas the said George Wallace is willing, and offers at any time to make a conveyance in fee simple, according to contract aforesaid, provided the executors of the said William Porter were empowered lawfully to convey to him the said fourth part of lot number two hundred and eighteen: And whereas the executors of said deceased, and the guardians of said deceased's children, who are all minors, are of opinion that it would be to their advantages said conveyances should be made: Therefore,

SECT. I. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met,*