

CHAPTER LXX.

An ACT for the benefit of the devisees of John Hart, deceased.

WHEREAS a petition hath been presented to the Legislature by John Jaffry Hart, stating "that by patent dated the nineteenth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, a tract of land therein particularly described, situate on Sawkill creek, about two miles from Delaware river, in Upper Smithfield township, Northampton, (now Wayne) county, containing three hundred and ninety-five acres and forty-five perches and the allowance of six per cent. &c. was granted to Thomas Micklethwaite and John Hart. That the said John Hart afterwards died, having first made and published his last will and testament in writing, bearing date the seventh day of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, wherein it is thus contained, "I do give and bequeath all my estate, real and personal, to my loving wife Hannah Hart, and my two grand children Hannah Morris Hart, and John Jaffry Hart, to hold to them their heirs and assigns for ever," as by the said last will and testament duly proved and remaining in the Register's office of Philadelphia, fully appears. That your memorialist is the John Jaffry Hart, mentioned in the said will. That he has reason to think the said Thomas Micklethwaite shortly after the date of the said patent conveyed his interest in the premises therein described to the said John Hart, but has not been able to get possession of any books, deeds or papers of any kind relating to the estate of his late grandfather, and the executor into whose hands they came, having died some years ago, he believes the same have been totally lost and destroyed. That the said Thomas Micklethwaite some years ago died intestate without heirs or any known kindred whereby all his estate in the aforesaid tract of land hath escheated to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, whereof your memorialist has given legal notice to his excellency the Governor, for the purpose of prosecuting the right of the Commonwealth to the same, but being well informed that the value of the whole tract aforesaid does not exceed four hundred dollars, he prays that the legislature will vest in him and his said grandmother and sister, the moiety whereof the said Thomas Micklethwaite died seized, and which hath escheated to the commonwealth aforesaid. And his said sister being unfortunately non compos mentis, he further prays that he may be authorized by law to sell and dispose of such part of her estate as may be necessary for her support and maintenance." And whereas the facts stated in the said petition appearing to be true, it is just and proper that the prayer thereof should be granted. Wherefore,

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 all the right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, which the Commonwealth has, in, to and out of the said tract of land, and every part thereof shall be and the same is hereby granted to and vested in the said Hannah Hart, Hannah Morris Hart and John Jaffry Hart, their heirs and assigns for ever : Provided, That the rights of individuals shall not in anywise be affected.

Certain rights vested in Hannah Hart, Hannah Morris Hart and John Jaffry Hart, their heirs and assigns.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said John J. Hart is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey in fee simple, the estate of his sister Hannah Morris Hart, in the said tract of land, and to appropriate the proceeds of such sale to the support and maintenance of his said sister : Provided, That before any sale be made, the said John J. Hart shall give such reasonable security in the orphans' court of Delaware county, as the said court shall direct, for the faithful performance of the trust aforesaid.*

John J. Hart authorized to sell and convey a certain estate.

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

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

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXXI.

A SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled “*An act for the relief of the heirs of Frederick Vernon, deceased.*”

WHEREAS many of the legal representatives of Frederick Vernon, deceased, are in their minority, so that the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement cannot by reason thereof be carried into immediate effect: For remedy whereof,

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 upon the return of the patent formerly granted to Frederick Vernon, the officers of the board of property shall issue their patent to be drawn in pursuance of the act to which this is a supplement, to Thomas Vernon, in trust for the legal representatives of Frederick Vernon, deceased, for such interest as they would have been entitled to in the land contained in the original patent.*

Certain proceedings to be had in favour of the legal representatives of Frederick Vernon, deceased.

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

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

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.