

CHAPTER XVIII.

An ACT granting to John Woods certain lots therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it appears that John Woods has settled and made considerable improvement on three of the reserved lots opposite the town of Pittsburgh, which lots remain yet unsold, and as it would be reasonable to grant to the first settler the pre-emption right of said lots, at such price as may be thought proper: Therefore,

SECT. 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 there is hereby granted to John Woods of Allegheny county, the following lots of ground that remain unsold of the reserved out lots, opposite the town of Pittsburgh, No. 1, 209, & 210, in the general plan of said reserve, now in the secretary's office, at such price as it shall be valued by three disinterested persons, to be chosen by the court of common pleas of Allegheny county, who shall on oath or affirmation, make a just and true valuation according to their worth, at the time of said valuation of the lots aforesaid; saving always to the said John Woods, the value of any improvement or improvements he may have made upon the same; and the value found due to the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be paid in three equal yearly instalments, with interest, to be computed from the time of said valuation; and on the receipt of the last instalment, the officers of the land-office shall issue a patent to the said John Woods, his heirs or assigns, in the usual form, without costs or charges: *Provided,* that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to divest any legal right or title already obtained by any other person or persons, to said lots, or any of them.

Preemption right to certain lots of land granted to John Woods.

Mode of appraising the lots.

Amount of valuation to be paid in three instalments.

Patent to issue free of expense.

Proviso.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the twenty-eighth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XIX.

An ACT granting a tract of donation land, to the heirs of James Gordon, late of Westmoreland county.

WHEREAS a tract of donation land was by patent bearing date the twentieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, granted to John Downey, a private in the late army of the United States, and was by the said John Downey, by indenture dated the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, transferred to James Gordon

of Westmoreland county, which said tract has since been found to lie in the state of New-York : 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 as soon as the heirs of James Gordon, late of Westmoreland county, shall, by themselves, or their lawful attorney, deliver to the officers of the land-office, to be cancelled, the patent granting a tract of donation land to John Downey, private in the late army of the United States, and shall produce such other documents as shall satisfy said officers that the title is now in the said heirs, it shall be the duty of the secretary of the land-office to issue to them a patent for two hundred acres of donation land, out of those lots yet undrawn.

Tract of donation land to be granted to the heirs of James Gordon, upon their releasing a former one.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the twenty-eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XX.

An ACT to authorize the guardians of Phebe Wadhams and Lydia Wadhams, minors, and heirs of Moses Wadhams, late of Luzerne county, deceased, to convey certain lots of land to the purchaser.

WHEREAS it appears that Moses Wadhams, late of the county of Luzerne, deceased, was seized in his demesne as of fee in his life time, of two several lots or pieces of land in Plymouth township and county of Luzerne aforesaid, distinguished by being lot number ten, in the first division, and lower tier of house lots, containing ten acres and sixty-eight perches and an half, in the aforesaid township; and part of lot number fifty-one in the third division in said township, containing thirty-six acres, being the south-westwardly part of said lot, which he in his life time did exchange with George P. Ransom, for lot number two, in the mountain tier of meadow lots, in the said township of Plymouth, containing nine acres and fifty perches, but of which exchange there is no written evidence to enable the administrators of the deceased to make and execute a deed to the purchaser, consistent with the 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 upon the said George P. Ransom's conveying, by sufficient deed to Ellen Wright and Noah Wadhams, guardians of Phebe Wadhams

Ellen Wright and Noah Wadhams au-