

*met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, the mayor, recorder and aldermen of the city of Philadelphia, or any three or more of them, whereof the mayor or recorder for the time being, shall be one, shall have full power and authority, and they are hereby vested with full power and authority to hold the mayor's court for the city of Philadelphia, as fully and effectually as the said mayor, recorder and aldermen, or any four of them might or could do by virtue of the twentieth section of the act to which this is a supplement, and generally to do, execute and perform all and singular the powers and authority vested in the said mayor, recorder and aldermen by the said twentieth section of the act aforesaid.*

REES HILL, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives.*  
JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

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## CHAPTER LXXI.

An ACT enabling Peter Pedersen to purchase and hold real estate within this commonwealth.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the legislature, that Peter Pedersen, minister from Denmark, has, for many years past, resided in the United States, and now wishes, with a view to his future continuance in the state of Pennsylvania, to purchase and hold such real estate as will enable him to form a permanent and convenient residence; and that owing to his public official station, he is unable to declare an intention to become a citizen of the United States: 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 Peter Pedersen be, and he is hereby authorised and enabled to take by purchase, or otherwise, any lands, tenements and hereditaments within the state of Pennsylvania, and the same to hold to him, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple or otherwise, as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as if he were a citizen of the United States: Provided always, That such real estate as aforesaid shall not exceed, at any one time, two hundred acres of land with the improvements thereon.*

REES HILL, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives;*  
JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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