

Penn, the original agreements between the lord Baltimore and the late proprietaries of the province, the unrecorded deeds for the lands and territories purchased of the Indians, now remaining in the said secretary's office, and in the office of the secretary of the land office, and such other public papers as the said secretary of the commonwealth may deem necessary to preserve from decay and loss; and the said secretary is hereby enjoined to have such charters, agreements, deeds and papers to be faithfully entered of record, which records shall be kept in his office; and the said secretary shall transmit to the respective houses, at their next session, a list of all the charters, deeds and papers so recorded, with an account of the expense incurred therein.

Report to the legislature.

REES HILL, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXVIII.

An ACT to enable the executors of Valentine Kloess to sell certain real estate.

WHEREAS, it appears to the legislature, that Valentine Kloess, of Northampton county, died seized of two tracts of land in the said county, and one other tract in the county of Northumberland, which tracts of land were, by his will, directed to be held by his widow and seven children, as tenants in common, during a certain term of years, at the expiration of which they are to be appraised, and the proceeds divided equally among the children: And it is represented, by petition from all the parties interested, either by themselves or by their guardians, that the provisions of the said will are in some parts impracticable, and that the authority of the courts is insufficient to grant relief in the premises: For remedy whereof,

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* Maria Eva Kloess, executrix, and Jacob Kloess, Abraham Kloess and John Smith, executors of the last will and testament of Valentine Kloess, late of Bethlehem township, in the county of Northampton, be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to sell, at public sale, notice of which shall have been given six weeks previously thereto, in one of the newspapers printed in Easton, and convey any or all the real estate of the said Valentine Kloess, as a majority of them may think necessary, and execute good and sufficient deeds or other conveyances to the purchasers thereof, and after payment of the just debts, make

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such distribution of the proceeds of the said sales as by the will of the said Valentine Kloess is directed: *Provided*, That previous to the execution of any such deed or conveyance the said executrix and executors shall enter into bonds with sufficient sureties, to be approved of by the orphans' court of the county of Northampton, conditioned for the faithful application of the share or shares of the said minor children, in such manner as the said orphans' court shall judge most for the interest of the said minor children: *And provided also*, That it shall be lawful for the said Jacob Kloess, Abraham Kloess and John Smith, executors above named, to commute and compound with the said widow, if she be willing and agree thereto, to secure to her an annual sum for her maintenance, equal in amount to and in lieu of what she is allowed to receive in and by the will of her late husband, Valentine Kloess, the payment of which shall remain as a lien on the real estate authorised to be sold as aforesaid.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That on settlement of the accounts of the said executors, in the orphans' court of Northampton county, the said court shall decree as to the contribution to be made by the heirs or devisees of such part of the said estate as shall not be sold, in such manner as that the whole residue of said estate, after payment of debts, shall be justly and equitably distributed among all the heirs and devisees named in the said will, according to the true intention thereof, and in the respective proportions therein directed.

REES HILL, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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CHAPTER CXXIX.

An ACT confirming the titles of Henry Shroeder, David Scott and Hugh Mulholland, to certain lots of land therein mentioned.

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 the title of Henry Shroeder, of the county of Adams, to a certain lot of ground in the borough of Gettysburg, is hereby confirmed, so far as the same may be deficient on account of the said Henry Shroeder being an alien, and any conveyance which he may make of the premises, shall be, to all intents and purposes, as good and sufficient as if the said Henry Shroeder had been a citizen of the United States at the time he acquired the lot aforesaid.