

Penalty on carrying fire over said bridge.

Proviso.

a coal or any burning substance in it, or any other substance in a state of ignition on the said bridge, or shall ignite any segar or other substance while on the said bridge, under the penalty of five dollars for each and every such offence, to be recovered in such manner as debts under one hundred dollars are by law recoverable, before any justice of the peace of the borough of Reading, by the said commissioners or their successors; and all sums recovered under this section shall be paid to the treasurer of the said county for the use of the said county: *Provided always*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any person from carrying a lantern on said bridge, or the said commissioners, their successors or persons employed by them, from carrying lights or ignited substance on the said bridge for the repairs or convenience of the said bridge; and that no commissioner, public officer or private individual shall be excluded from the performance of his duties, or from being a competent witness under this act, by reason of the form of the action, or of the sum to be recovered being payable to the county treasurer as herein before directed: *And provided also*, That the penalty so incurred shall be sued for within six months after the offence shall have been committed.

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

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLIII.

AN ACT

Confirming the title of John O'Neil and William Alexander, aliens, to certain property therein mentioned.

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 the title of John O'Neil, of the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton, (an alien) to a certain lot of ground in the borough of Easton aforesaid, being part of a lot marked in the general plan of said borough, number two hun-

Title of Jno. O'Neil, an alien, to a lot of land confirmed.

dred and forty-four; beginning at the distance of twenty-five feet from the east side of John street; thence eastwardly by Northampton street twenty-four feet, to a stake; thence southwardly along the remainder of said lot number two hundred and forty-four, one hundred and twenty feet, to a stake; thence westwardly along a ten feet wide alley laid out for public use, twenty-four feet, to a stake; thence by another part of said lot number two hundred and forty-four, and conveyed to Jacob Shouse; thence northwardly along the same one hundred and twenty feet, to the place of beginning, is hereby confirmed, as far as the same may be deficient on account of the said John O'Neil being an alien: and any conveyance and assurance which he may make of the premises, shall be, to all intents and purposes, as good and sufficient as if the said John O'Neil had been a citizen of the United States at the time he purchased the lot of ground aforesaid.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the title of William Alexander, an alien, to a certain tract of land situate in Hemphield township, Lancaster county, containing four acres, more or less, purchased by the said William Alexander of a certain Hugh Kenedy, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, so far as the same may be deficient on account of the said William Alexander having been an alien at the time he made the purchase, and all conveyances thereof which the said William Alexander shall have made, are hereby confirmed to the purchaser or purchasers thereof: *Provided,* That this act shall not be so construed as to effect the private rights of any individual or individuals, but the same shall remain as if this act had never passed.

Title of W. Alexander, an alien, to a lot of land confirmed.

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

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.