

## CHAPTER CXLIII.

*An ACT for the relief of Joseph Robert Eustache Bunel.*

**W**HEREAS Joseph Robert Eustache Bunel, a native of Ponteaudemer, in the late province of Normandy in France, hath represented to the Legislature of this commonwealth, that having arrived in this state in the year 1792, with an intention of residing therein, he, in the month of May, one thousand eight hundred and four, purchased of Jacob Vogdes, a certain plantation and tract of land in the township of Bristol, in the county of Bucks, bounded by land late of Samuel Allen, by land late of Richard Nobell, by land of Thomas Clifford and by the Neshaminy creek, containing by computation two hundred and thirty acres, be the same more or less, and the said Bunel hath since mortgaged the said estate, (which mortgage with other liens is nearly equal to the whole value thereof), under a persuasion of his possessing all the legal rights and privileges of a citizen of this commonwealth, having sworn and subscribed the oath of allegiance prescribed by an act of the General Assembly, passed the thirteenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, in consequence of which he obtained a passport and certificate of citizenship, signed by the mayor of Philadelphia; but the act of Congress passed the twenty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and the adoption of the State constitution having superceded the said act of Assembly, the said Bunel's oaths of allegiance taken as aforesaid, did not confer upon him the rights of citizenship, and consequently his title to the aforesaid property is invalid, whereby his creditors are exposed

posed to the hazard of losing the amount of the liens aforesaid; And whereas the said Bunel has made a declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States: Therefore,

Section 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 to the above described real estate with the appurtenances acquired by the said Joseph Robert Eustache Bunel, by the deed of indenture made to him by the above named Jacob Vogdes and Elizabeth his wife, bearing date the twenty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and four, recorded in the office for recording deeds in the county of Bucks, in deed book, number thirty-five, page three hundred and five, shall be deemed and taken to have been firm, valid and effectual in law, and any mortgage or other lien made or granted by the said Bunel, shall be and remain as firm, valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as it would have been if the said Bunel had been a citizen of the United States at the time he purchased the said real estate, any thing in the act, entitled, "An act to enable aliens in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estate within this commonwealth," or in any other act to the contrary notwithstanding.

The title to a certain tract of land, situate in Bucks county, confirmed to R. E. Bunel.

CHARLES PORTER, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

JAMES BRADY, *Speaker*  
*of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six.

THOMAS M'KEAN.

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