

such manner as the inhabitants of said township of Salsbury, may at a town meeting for that purpose direct.

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

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

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXXIII.

An ACT to prevent devises and legacies from lapsing in certain cases.

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 s. me,*

No devise or legacy in favour of alien descendant to lapse in certain cases.

Proviso excepting certain devises, &c.

Proviso as to the intention of the testator.

That from and after the passing of this act, no devise or legacy in favour of a child or other lineal descendant of any testator, shall be deemed or held to lapse or become void by reason of the decease of such devisee or legatee, in the life-time of the testator, if such devisee or legatee shall leave issue, surviving the testator, but such devise or legacy shall be good and available in favour of such surviving issue, with like effect, as if such devisee or legatee had survived the testator: *Provided always,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to effect any devise or legacy contained in the last will of any testator who shall have deceased before the passing of this act: *And provided also,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to defeat the intention of any testator, to exclude such surviving issue, or any of them.

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of the House of Representatives.

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

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CHAPTER LXXIV.

An ACT enlarging and altering the charter of the rector, church wardens and vestrymen of the United Episcopal churches of Christ church and St. Peter's church, in the city of Philadelphia, in the province of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the rector, church wardens and vestrymen of the United Episcopal churches of Christ church and St. Peter's church in the city of Philadelphia, by their petition to

this general assembly, have represented that on the twenty-fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, a charter was granted by the then proprietaries of Pennsylvania, to divers members of the Episcopal church, at that time called the church of England, residing in the city of Philadelphia, who were incorporated by the name of "The rector, churchwardens and vestrymen of the United Episcopal churches of Christ church and St. Peter's church, in the city of Philadelphia, in the province of Pennsylvania," that in consequence of the increase of the members of the said churches, there were many who could not be accommodated with convenient seats, and they therefore, at a very considerable expense, had lately built another church in the said city, called St. James's church; that it was the wish of the members of these three churches, to be united under one charter, to be made as conformable as conveniently might be to the charter aforesaid, and the said petitioners therefore prayed that an act might be passed enlarging and altering the said old charter, only in the particular matters hereinafter enumerated, and that in all other respects, the said old charter might be confirmed: *that is to say,*

I. That the name of the corporation in future might be, "The rector, church wardens and vestrymen of the United churches of Christ church, St Peter's church, and St. James's church, in the city of Philadelphia."

II. That the rules, by-laws and ordinances of the rector, church wardens and vestrymen, should not be repugnant to the laws of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or of the United States.

III. That at the next election of vestrymen, and forever thereafter, the vestry of the three United churches, should consist of twenty-four persons, members of the said churches, or one of them.

IV. That the annual income of the property of the corporation should not exceed six thousand dollars, exclusive of the monies arising from the letting of the pews belonging to the said churches, or either of them, and also exclusive of the monies arising from opening the ground for burials in the church yards belonging to the said churches, or either of them; and it appears to the general assembly, just and reasonable that the prayer of the said petition should be granted: Therefore,

SECTION 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* from and after the passing of this act, the aforesaid charter, granted by the former proprietaries of Pennsylvania, shall be enlarged, so as to comprehend and unite the said three churches of Christ church, Saint Peter's church, and Saint James's church, and the rents and revenues of the corporation shall be applied

Charter of
Christ and
St. Peter's
churches ex-
tended so as
to include St.
James's
church.

Appropriation of the funds of said churches. to the maintenance and support of the rector, ministers and officers of the said three united churches, and the necessary repairs of the said churches, and their church yards and parsonage houses, and other houses which do now or hereafter shall belong to the said united churches, and to no other use or purpose whatever; and instead of the name aforesaid, in the old charter mentioned the name of the said corporation, shall be "The

Name of the corporation.

Privileges of.

And of the members of St. James's church.

Rules and regulations of, not to be repugnant to the laws, &c. of Pennsylvania.

The vestry to consist of 24 persons.

Yearly value of the lands, &c. held by, not to exceed \$ 6000.

rector, church wardens and vestrymen of the United churches of Christ church, Saint Peter's church, and Saint James's church, in the city of Philadelphia," and the members of the said Saint James's church, shall have and enjoy all rights and privileges which under the old charter aforesaid, are had and enjoyed by the members of Christ church and Saint Peter's church aforesaid, or either of them, and no other, except that until, and at the election for vestrymen, to be held on Easter Monday, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirteen, and no longer, the members of the church of Saint James, who shall have paid for a pew or sitting in the said church, previous to the time of holding any election of vestrymen of the said united churches, shall have a right to vote at such election for the said vestrymen, although it shall not appear by the vestry books that the person or persons so voting have paid three successive years, preceding the time of such election, for a pew or sittings in either of the said churches.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That instead of the proviso in the said charter, that the rules, by-laws and ordinances of the said rector, church wardens and vestrymen, be not repugnant to the laws and statutes in force in the kingdom of Great Britain, nor to the laws and statutes in force in the province of Pennsylvania, it shall be sufficient if the said rules, by-laws and ordinances are not repugnant to the constitution, laws and statutes of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or of the United States.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That at the time appointed by the said charter for the next election of vestrymen, and for ever thereafter, the vestry, instead of consisting of twenty persons, as is ordained by the said charter, shall consist of twenty-four persons, members of the said churches of Christ church, Saint Peter's church, and Saint James's church, or one of them.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the clear yearly value of the messuages, houses, lands, tenements, rents, annuities or other hereditaments and real estate of the said corporation, instead of the sum of six hundred pounds sterling, mentioned in the said charter, shall not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States, exclusive of the monies arising from the letting of the pews belonging to the said Christ church, Saint Peter's church,

and Saint James's church, or either of them, and also exclusive of the monies arising from opening the ground for burials in the church yards belonging to the said churches, or either of them.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this act contained shall be construed so as in any manner to affect, impair or alter the aforesaid charter granted by the former proprietaries of Pennsylvania, in any other matter or thing than what is herein before enacted, but that the said charter in all matters and respects not herein before altered or provided, shall be firm and valid forever.

This act not to impair a former charter.

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

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

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXXV.

An ACT concerning the education of German Redemptioners, who are minors.

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 all masters or mistresses of German redemptioners who are minors, and who shall arrive at the port of Philadelphia after the passing of this act, shall give to the said redemptioner six weeks schooling for every year of his or her term of servitude: And it shall be the duty of the register of German passengers, to insert the same fully in their indentures.

Schooling to be given to German redemptioners.

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of the House of Representatives.

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

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CHAPTER LXXVI.

An ACT to provide for the payment of the taxes due on lands late the property of John Nicholson, deceased, on which the state had a lien.

SECT. I. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General*