

CHAPTER XVIII.

An ACT granting to John Woods certain lots therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it appears that John Woods has settled and made considerable improvement on three of the reserved lots opposite the town of Pittsburgh, which lots remain yet unsold, and as it would be reasonable to grant to the first settler the pre-emption right of said lots, at such price as may be thought proper: 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 there is hereby granted to John Woods of Allegheny county, the following lots of ground that remain unsold of the reserved out lots, opposite the town of Pittsburgh, No. 1, 209, & 210, in the general plan of said reserve, now in the secretary's office, at such price as it shall be valued by three disinterested persons, to be chosen by the court of common pleas of Allegheny county, who shall on oath or affirmation, make a just and true valuation according to their worth, at the time of said valuation of the lots aforesaid; saving always to the said John Woods, the value of any improvement or improvements he may have made upon the same; and the value found due to the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be paid in three equal yearly instalments, with interest, to be computed from the time of said valuation; and on the receipt of the last instalment, the officers of the land-office shall issue a patent to the said John Woods, his heirs or assigns, in the usual form, without costs or charges: *Provided,* that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to divest any legal right or title already obtained by any other person or persons, to said lots, or any of them.

Preemption right to certain lots of land granted to John Woods.

Mode of appraising the lots.

Amount of valuation to be paid in three instalments.

Patent to issue free of expense.

Proviso.

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-eighth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XIX.

An ACT granting a tract of donation land, to the heirs of James Gordon, late of Westmoreland county.

WHEREAS a tract of donation land was by patent bearing date the twentieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, granted to John Downey, a private in the late army of the United States, and was by the said John Downey, by indenture dated the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, transferred to James Gordon