

CHAPTER XXX.

An ACT to vest certain lands therein mentioned, granted to the ministers, trustees, elders, and deacons of the German Reformed congregation, in the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, in the ministers, trustees, elders, and deacons of the German Reformed congregation in the city of Philadelphia, in the province of Pennsylvania, and to enable them to sell and convey the same.

WHEREAS by charter granted by John Penn, bearing date the fifth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, a society was incorporated by the name, style, and title of, "The Minister, Trustees, Elders, and Deacons, of the German Reformed congregation in the city of Philadelphia, in the province of Pennsylvania," for certain purposes: *and whereas*, by virtue of an act of the general assembly, passed the twenty-third day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, a tract or tracts of land, situate on the waters of Nescopeck creek, in the county of Luzerne, containing in the whole, five thousand three hundred and thirteen acres, and one half, were granted to the minister, trustees, elders and deacons of the German Reformed congregation, in the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, for the endowments of a free school for the education of the poor of the said congregation and others; *and whereas* it is conceived that the grant of the said land is not fully vested in the corporation enacted by the charter of the said John Penn, on account of the variance in the style and title of the association, mentioned in the said grant, from that of the chartered corporation; and as the lands are unproductive, the objects of the grant, and the purposes and interest of the said congregation will be best answered by selling the land, and investing the proceeds thereof in some productive funds: Therefore,

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* it shall and may be lawful for the congregation incorporated by the name, style, and title of, "The Minister, Trustees, Elders and Deacons, of the German Reformed congregation, in the city of Philadelphia, in the province of Pennsylvania," by virtue of a charter granted by John Penn, bearing date the fifth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, or a majority of them, to sell at public sale and convey to the highest and best bidder, ten certain tracts of land, in fee, situate on Nescopeck creek, and the waters thereof in the county of Luzerne, containing in the aggregate, five thousand three hundred and thirteen acres, and one half, which land was granted by an act of the general assembly, passed the twenty-

The congregation incorporated by the style of "The Minister, &c. of the German Reformed congregation in the city of Philadelphia," authorized to sell certain lands in Luzerne county.

third day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to the minister, trustees, elders and deacons, of the German Reformed congregation, in the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania: *provided*, that the said sale and conveyance shall not be construed to affect the rights of any third person who may have a claim to the said land.

Proviso to secure rights of third persons.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That it shall be the duty of the said corporation, or a majority of them, to place the money arising from the sale of the said lands, in some safe and productive funds, or at interest or mortgage, as the same may be most advantageous, and to apply the dividends or interest arising from the same, to the uses and purposes expressed in the grant of the legislature, aforesaid.

How the proceeds to be appropriated.

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 thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XXXI.

An ACT to enable William M'Ewen, and David Watson, administrators of John Watson, deceased, to convey certain real estate therein mentioned.

WHEREAS William Lamb, of the county of Centre, purchased from his step-son, John Watson, a certain tract of one hundred acres of land, situate in Bald eagle township in the said county of Centre, which was part of a larger tract surveyed in pursuance of an application of the third of April, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, to Philip Smith; and the said John Watson before his death, delivered the possession and acknowledged the receipt of purchase money, and the said contract not having been reduced to writing: Therefore,

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 William M'Ewen and David Watson, administrators of John Watson, late of Centre county, deceased, be, and they are hereby authorized to carry the contract made between William Lamb and the said John Watson, deceased, for the sale of one hundred acres of land, in the township of Bald eagle, in the county of Centre, into full and complete effect; and on being satisfied that the whole of the purchase money

Administrators to the estate of John Watson, authorized to convey certain real estate.