

Administrators of T. W. Francis authorised to sell and convey real estate.

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 it shall and may be lawful for Dorothy Willing Francis and Thomas Mayne Willing, administrators of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of Thomas Willing Francis, late of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, deceased, and the survivors and survivor of them, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to grant, bargain, sell, convey and assure all or any part of the real estate mentioned or described in and by a certain indenture between John Allen of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, of the one part, and Thomas Willing Francis, of the same city, merchant, of the other part, dated the nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, recorded at Philadelphia in deed book I. C. No. 31, page 333, &c. and to make a good title or titles to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, in fee simple, in the same manner that the said Thomas Willing Francis might or could do, if he were living, and to apply the monies arising from such sale or sales, to the uses and purposes expressed and contained in and by a certain deed poll or declaration of trust concerning the same, duly executed by the said Thomas Willing Francis in his life time, dated the same day and year last aforesaid, and recorded at Philadelphia in deed book I. C. No. 31, page 331, and for no other use or purpose whatever. *Provided,* That this act shall not be so construed, as to impair or in anywise affect the legal rights of any person or persons whatever.

How proceeds to be appropriated

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

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of Senate.

APPROVED—the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XIII.

AN ACT

To empower the Mayor and Recorder of the city of Philadelphia, to take the proof of deeds and for other purposes.

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 mayor and recorder of the city of Philadelphia, shall

have power and authority to take the proof of all deeds, conveyances, mortgages, or other instruments of writing, touching or concerning any lands, tenements or hereditaments, situate, lying and being in any part of the commonwealth, and may take and receive the same fees as by law they are now severally entitled to receive for taking the acknowledgments of the same, which probates shall have the like force and effects as if the same were proved before a judge of the supreme court or any judge of the court of common pleas within this commonwealth.

Mayor and recorder may take proof of deeds, &c. and receive fees.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the recorder of the city of Philadelphia shall have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, and to give relief thereon in the manner and as fully as the president or any associate judge of a court of common pleas in this commonwealth at present may or can do by virtue of an act of assembly entitled "An act for the better securing personal liberty and preventing unlawful imprisonment," and under the like restrictions and penalties.

Recorder empowered to issue writs of habeas corpus.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the recorder, or any alderman of the city of Philadelphia, to administer the oath or affirmation prescribed by law to the mayor elect, previous to his entering upon the duties of the said office.

Recorder or any alderman may administer oath of office to mayor.

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

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of Senate.*

APPROVED—the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XIV.

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act entitled "An act authorising the appointment of an additional auctioneer within the City and Liberties of Philadelphia," passed the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

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 auctioneer who has been or shall hereafter be ap-