

*Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the title of John Jacob Smith, of the township of Bethlehem, in the county of Northampton, late an alien, to a tract or parcel of land situate in the township of Hanover, in the county of Lehigh, containing one hundred and nineteen acres, conveyed to him by Nicholas Kreamer and wife, by indenture dated the thirtieth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixteen; also two smaller tracts of land, one containing about six acres, in Forks township, the other containing near two acres, in the town of Altona, in the township of Bethlehem, both of them being in the county of Northampton, is hereby confirmed, as far as the same may be deficient on account of the said John Jacob Smith being an alien at the time of the purchase of the said lands: And any conveyance and assurances which he may make of the premises, shall be to all intents and purposes, as good and sufficient as if the said John Jacob Smith had been a citizen of the United States at the time he purchased the premises: *Provided*, That this act shall not affect the private rights of any individual or individuals, but the same shall remain as if this act had never been passed.*

The title of  
John Jacob  
Smith con-  
firmed.

Proviso.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twelfth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

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## CHAPTER VII.

### *AN ACT*

Supplementary to an act, entitled “An act to confirm and amend the charter of incorporation of the United Swedish Lutheran Churches of Wicaco, Kingsessing and Upper Merion, called Gloria Dei, St. James’s, and Christ Church.”

WHEREAS the present rector, church wardens, and vestrymen of the said United Churches, viz. The Reverend Nicholas Collin, rector, Hugh De Haven, Paul Beck, jun. wardens, and William Jones, George Sheed, Andrew Keer, Samuel Rambo, Charles Wheeler, William Cox, John M. Justis, Sevan Boon, Matthias Holstein, vestrymen, being a majority of

said corporation, by their petition have represented that the ground rents belonging to said corporation are mostly small, and are attended with vast trouble in the collection, and, in some instances issue from large lots of ground, which the tenants are deterred from improving by apportioning them into smaller lots, suitable for the erection of houses, because people are averse to purchase ground so situated, (as each lot would be liable for the payment of the whole original rent,) and that application had been made to them, by persons aggrieved, that measures should be taken to remedy the evil; wherefore the said corporation pray that they may be enabled to sell their ground rents, in order that the money received for the same may be invested in other ground rents:

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 corporation styled "The United Swedish Lutheran Churches of Wicaco, Kingsessing and Upper Merion, called Gloria Dei, St. James, and Christ Church," be, and hereby are enabled to grant, sell, convey, and dispose of the ground rents, or any part of them at present belonging to said corporation: Provided, That the proceeds shall be invested in other ground rents, to be holden in the same manner, and to be used for the same purposes, as by the charter of incorporation and the act to confirm and amend the same, to which this act is supplementary, the present ground rents are holden and used.*

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twelfth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### *AN ACT*

To vest in Mary Cook the right of this commonwealth to the estate of her husband John Cook, formerly of Chester county, deceased.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General*