

clared public highways, to erect dams upon such streams for mills and other water works."

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

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Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

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CHAPTER LXXVIII.

AN ACT

For the relief of certain devisees of Mary Andrews.

WHEREAS by reason of the decease of the executors of Mary Andrews, formerly of the city of Philadelphia, certain benevolent provisions contained in her last will and testament have not been and cannot now be carried into effect without legislative aid.

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 Richard Peters, Esquire, one of the trustees of the estate of William Peters, deceased, or in case of his decease, his executors or administrators are hereby authorised to make over and convey in fee simple unto such relation or relations of Mary Andrews, and in such shares and proportions as he or they shall in his or their discretion judge to stand most in need thereof, and where the same will do most good, a certain ground rent or rent charge of twenty-one pounds per annum, and the arrearages thereof issuing out of a certain lot of ground and tenement situate on the west side of Third street in the said city, and the buildings and improvements thereon with the appurtenances, which the said Mary by her last will and testament, bearing date on the tenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, devised in the manner and for the purposes aforesaid, but which cannot now be collected and distributed in the manner intended and directed by the said testatrix by reason of the decease of all her executors, and the uncertainty in which, if*

Richard Peters authorised to convey a ground rent.

any, of the numerous heirs of the survivor of said executors, some of whom reside in England and some in America, the powers and authorities given by the said testatrix are vested: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall authorise the conveyance of any other or greater right or title in said lot or ground rent than the said Mary or her legal representatives had or have therein, or in any wise to affect the rights of any other persons than her said devisees or heirs.

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CHAPTER LXXIX.

AN ACT

To change the Branch bank of Philadelphia at Washington, into an original institution.

WHEREAS Parker Campbell and Daniel Moore for themselves and on behalf of Thomas Patterson, Thomas H. Baird, David Shields, Thomas M'Giffin, Thomas Hoge and Alexander Murdock, all of the county of Washington, state of Pennsylvania, have entered into an agreement with the Philadelphia Bank for the sale and transfer by said bank of the debts and real property due and claimed at their office of Discount and Deposit at Washington, Pennsylvania, to the persons hereinafter named, and such other persons as may associate or join with them for a bank at Washington. And whereas it is represented to the legislature that by changing the said office or branch into an original bank with a suitable capital, so as not to increase the present banking capital or the number of banking institutions heretofore allowed in the state, more general accommodation to the citizens of that county and the adjacent counties would be afforded, and that individual ruin and distress as well as general embarrassment in that part of the state would be avoided without any prejudice whatsoever to the interests of the state at large,

Therefore,