

respective orders, forty dollars each, immediately, as a gratuity, and as full compensation for their revolutionary services.

FREDK. SMITH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. G. HAWKINS,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventh day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 41.

AN ACT,

To exempt from taxation the hall, with the lot of ground whereon it is erected, of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

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 hall, with the lot of ground whereon it is erected, of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, be and the same is hereby exempted from taxation, so far as regards the taxes paid for city and county purposes, for and during the term of twenty years, from and after the passage of this act: *Provided,* The same be so long occupied by the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.

For 20 years.

Proviso.
If so long thus occupied.

FREDK. SMITH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. G. HAWKINS,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventh day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 42.

AN ACT

Concerning the heirs of Richard Wistar, the elder, deceased.

WHEREAS, Richard Wistar, the elder, deceased, by his last will and testament, recorded in the register's office in

Preamble.

the city of Philadelphia, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, did, among other things, direct that his executors therein named should cause a division to be made of his lands, situate in the then counties of Northumberland and Bedford, of this state, in a manner particularly described in the said will: *And whereas*, In conformity with said directions, an instrument of partition or allotment was executed by the said executors, dated the twelfth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, which, by mistake, was recorded in the rolls office, letters of attorney book, No. seven, pages three hundred and twenty-six, three hundred and twenty-seven, three hundred and twenty-eight, and three hundred and twenty-nine: *And whereas also*, The said instrument of partition or allotment has been since lost, and not having been recorded in the proper counties, the persons who derive titles to lands in the counties aforesaid, by virtue of said instrument of partition or allotment, have been deprived of the benefit of said recorded instrument of partition or allotment in defence of their titles, as derived as aforesaid: 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 the proper officer, having charge of the records of the said rolls office, be and he is hereby authorised and required, on payment of a reasonable compensation for his services, to furnish an authenticated copy of the said recorded instrument of partition or allotment, to any person or persons claiming title through the same; which said copy shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument of partition or allotment would in law have, if now existing, duly acknowledged and recorded in the proper county, and be taken and regarded in all respects as the original instrument of partition or allotment; and the same copy may be put on record as an original instrument, duly proved and acknowledged, in the proper office and offices of the county and counties where any of the lands conveyed by the said instrument of partition or allotment, or intended so to be, are situated: *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained, shall, in any manner affect or impair the titles of such persons as now hold adversely to the heirs or devisees of the said Richard Wistar, the elder, deceased, or their representatives.

Copy of recorded instrument of partition to have same effect as original.

Proviso.

Not to injure adverse claimants.

FREDK. SMITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. G. HAWKINS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventh day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

GEO. WOLF.