

No. 59.

A Supplement

To the act of the twenty-fourth March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, entitled "An act to enable Aliens to purchase and hold real estate in this commonwealth."

SECTION 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 all purchasers of lands, tenements and hereditaments, within this commonwealth, not exceeding ^{Right of} five thousand acres, heretofore made, by all and every foreigner and foreigners, alien or aliens, not being the subject ^{aliens to hold} or subjects of some sovereign state or power, which is, or shall have been at the time or times of such purchase or purchases, at war with the United States of America, and who are residents within the United States, are hereby confirmed, and it shall be lawful for all and every such foreigner and foreigners, alien or aliens, to have and to hold the same, to them, their heirs and assigns, forever, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as any natural born citizen or citizens may or can do.

SECTION 2. That in all cases where aliens have purchased ^{Making valid} real estate within this commonwealth, and have sold the ^{certain sales,} same, the said sales shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, and shall be construed to vest the title to the said real estate, as fully and effectually as if the said aliens had been citizens at the time of purchasing the same, and in all cases where any alien residing in this commonwealth, shall have purchased or held real estate therein, and shall have died without having been naturalized, the title thereof is hereby confirmed to his heirs, who, in case he had been a citizen would have inherited the same, [or to his devisee or devisees,] and there shall be no escheat by reason of such alienage: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall in ^{Proviso.} anywise affect or impair the vested rights of any other individual or individuals.

LEWIS DEWART,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

J. R. BURDEN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirty-first day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

JOS: RITNER.