

[No. 130.]

AN ACT

To confer on George, Polly, Susan, Elizabeth, and Peggy Strohl, and Marinda Wurtz the rights and benefits of children born in lawful wedlock, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the legislature that George Strohl of the county of Northampton, lived and co-habited with a certain Maria Zacharias as her husband, and had issue five children, to wit: George, Polly, Susan, Elizabeth and Peggy, and that he died intestate in October, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, leaving considerable real and personal estate, which he acquired by his own industry, and it is right that his children should have the same: *And whereas*, the father, brothers, and sisters of the said George Strohl, who would, by law, be entitled to the said property, have signified their desire that the said children should have the same: Therefore.

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 George, Polly, Susan, Elizabeth, and Peggy Strohl, children of George Strohl, late of the county of Northampton, shall have and enjoy all the rights, benefits, and advantages of children born in lawful wedlock, and shall be able and capable in law to inherit and transmit all the property of their said father of whatever kind or nature, as fully and completely, to all intents and purposes as if they had been born in lawful wedlock.

SECTION 2. That Marinda Wurtz daughter of Nancy Wurtz, late of Union county, deceased, shall have and enjoy all the rights, benefits, and advantages of a child born in lawful wedlock, and shall be able and capable in law to inherit and transmit all the estate of her said mother, as fully and completely, to all intents and purposes, as if she had been born in lawful wedlock.

SECTION 3. That Hannah Bailey, an illegitimate daughter of Sarah Bailey, of Washington county, shall have and enjoy all the rights, benefits, and advantages of a child born in lawful wedlock, and shall be able and capable in law to inherit, and transmit any estate whatever, which may descend from her mother, as fully and completely, to all intents and purposes as if she had been born in lawful wedlock.

Preamble.

George, Polly
Susan, Elizabeth
and Peggy Strohl
legitimatized.Marinda
Wurtz of U-
nion county
legitimatized.Hannah Bai-
ley, of Wash-
ington county
legitimatized.

Camden and Philad. Steam Boat Ferry company authorized to purchase real estate in Phil. am't limited.

SECTION 4. That the Camden and Philadelphia Steam Boat Ferry company, shall be able and capable in law to purchase, take, have, hold and enjoy, in fee simple or otherwise, such real estate in the city or county of Philadelphia, as they may deem necessary, for the purposes of said company, not exceeding in value at any one time the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, estimated by the price paid for such real estate, and the same to grant, bargain, sell and convey, in fee simple or for any less estate, and to mortgage and let at pleasure; and that the said company be further authorized to raise money for the purpose of paying for such real estate, and for completing their canal and other works by increasing their capital stock, or borrowing money on the faith and credit of the company, whenever they may deem the same expedient; and the legislature hereby reserves the right to revoke, alter, or amend the charter of the said company, and this act, whenever they shall deem proper, in such manner, however, that no injustice be done to the company.

Capital increased.

Repealing clause.

Williamsport, Lycoming co. to have an auctioneer.

Tax to commonwealth.

To pay \$25 for commission.

SECTION 5. That from and after the passage of this act, the Governor is hereby authorized and required to commission some suitable person, in the borough of Williamsport, Lycoming county, as an auctioneer, who is hereby authorized to sell at public auction all kinds of goods, wares, merchandize, lands, tenements, and property of all kinds, yielding and paying to the Treasurer of this commonwealth one per cent. on all the property sold, after he shall have sold annually property to the amount of ten thousand dollars, before he shall be compelled to pay any thing to the state, and said auctioneer shall be authorized to make sales, at such place in said borough at all times as he may select: *Provided*, That the person appointed auctioneer as aforesaid, shall pay into the treasury of the commonwealth the sum of twenty-five dollars, for his commission.

WM. HOPKINS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. T. ROGERS,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty.

DAVID R. PORTER.