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Boundaries
described.

Robert Andrews, commissioners of the commonwealth of Virginia, and George Bryan, John Ewing and David Rittenhouse, commissioners for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, be ratified, and finally confirmed, to wit: That the line, commonly called Mason and Dixon's line, be extended due west, five degrees of longitude, to be computed from the river Delaware, for the southern boundary of Pennsylvania, and that a meridian, drawn from the western extremity thereof, to the northern limits of the said states, respectively, be the western boundary of Pennsylvania, for ever, on condition, that the private property and rights of all persons, acquired under, founded on, or recognized by, the laws of either country, previous to the date hercof, be saved and confirmed to them, although they should be found to fall within the other, and that in the decision of disputes thereon, preference shall be given to the elder or prior right, which ever of the said states the same shall have been acquired under, such persons paying, within whose boundary their lands shall be included, the same purchase or consideration money, which would have been due from them to the state, under which they claimed the right; and where any such purchase or consideration money hath, since the declaration of American independence, been received by either state for lands, which, according to the before recited agreement shall fall within the territory of the other, the same shall be reciprocally refunded and repaid; and that the inhabitants of the disputed territory, now ceded to the state of Pennsylvania, shall not, before the first day of December, in the present year, be subject to the payment of any tax, nor at any time to the payment of any arrears of taxes or impositions, heretofore laid by either state; and we do, hereby, accept and fully ratify the said recited condition, and the boundary line formed.

SECT. XI. And whereas it is right and just, that the said agreement and every part thereof, should be confirmed by this state, saving unto all persons their rights acquired as aforesaid, before the ratification before cited, in order that no cause whatever should interrupt that harmony, which it is the desire of this commonwealth to preserve with a sister state.

Confirmato-
ry clause.

SECT. XII. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the agreement and stipulations before recited, and every part thereof, entered into as aforesaid, is hereby ratified and confirmed, and declared to be valid and binding, on behalf of this commonwealth, and as effectually, and to all intents and purposes, as if the said agreement was especially recited in this act.

Passed 1st April, 1784.—Recorded in Law Book No. II, page 332.

CHAPTER MXCI.

An ACT for incorporating the United Presbyterian Church in Lower Paxton, Lancaster county.

Passed 1st April, 1784.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. pa. 340.