

CHAPTER DCLXVII.

AN ACT TO ENABLE WILLIAM HEMPELL, OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, TAILOR, TO HOLD LANDS AND TO INVEST HIM WITH THE PRIVILEGES OF A NATURAL-BORN SUBJECT OF THIS PROVINCE.

Whereas the said William Hembell, who was born at the city of Gelnhausen in the dominions of his serene highness the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel, in Germany, a prince in amity with the Crown of Great Britain, has transported himself into this province, and since [his] arrival and residence therein has always demeaned himself peaceably and paid a due regard and obedience to the laws and government thereof; and being a protestant has, in demonstration of his zeal and affection for His present Majesty's person and government, made, repeated and subscribed the declaration of fidelity and the profession of his christian belief, and has solemnly affirmed to the effect of the abjuration oath directed to be taken by an act of parliament made in the first year of the reign of His Majesty George I, entitled "An act for the further security of His Majesty's person and government, and the succession of the crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, his open and secret abettors," and has humbly signified to the representatives of the freemen of this province his earnest desire of being made a partaker of the benefits and privileges which the natural-born subjects of Great Britain do enjoy within the same:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Honorable Richard Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the said William Hembell shall be and is hereby

declared to be to all intents and purposes free and fully able to trade, traffic, load, freight and transport all and all manner of goods, wares and merchandises not by law prohibited to be imported or exported as if he was a natural subject of the King of Great Britain, born in this province; and is also hereby adjudged able and capable to all intents and purposes to take, receive, have, hold and enjoy all and all manner of lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate by purchase or gift of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate whatsoever, and to sue, prosecute, maintain, avow and justify all and all manner of actions, suits and causes whatsoever, and to have, hold and enjoy all and every the rights, liberties, privileges, advantages, benefits and immunities belonging to His Majesty's liege people and natural subjects born within this Province as lawfully, fully and freely as if he had been born a natural subject within this province, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed March 21, 1772. Repealed by the King in Council, May 19, 1773. See Appendix XXX.

CHAPTER DCLXVIII.

AN ACT FOR CONFIRMING THE ESTATE OF ADAM SIMON KUHN IN AND TO A CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON IN THE BOROUGH OF LANCASTER, ONE OF THE TITLE DEEDS WHEREOF IS LOST.

Whereas James Hamilton, Esquire, by deed dated the fourth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six, granted a certain lot of ground known by the number three, situate, lying and being in the town of Lancaster, containing in breadth on King's street sixty-four feet four inches and an half, and in length two hundred and forty-five feet, to a fourteen feet alley, bounded to the north by the said street, easterly by a lot of Samuel Bethel, southwardly by the said alley and westwardly by a lot of Mary Dunning, under certain rents and cove-