

CHAPTER DCCCXXIX.

AN ACT FOR VESTING THE HOUSE AND LOTS THEREIN DESCRIBED IN TRUSTEES FOR THE USE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDENT [SIC] OF THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE FOR THE TIME BEING.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by an act of general assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An act for the attainder of divers traitors if they render [not] themselves by a certain day and for vesting their estates in this commonwealth and for more effectually discovering the same and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon,"¹ Joseph Galloway, late of this state is convicted and attainted of high treason, and all the estate real and personal which he was seized of or entitled unto on the fourth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six was by the said act forfeited to the state:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas on the said fourth day of July the said Joseph Galloway was seized, inter alia, of a certain messuage or tenement and lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia situate on the south side of High street, containing in breadth on the said High street sixty feet and in length or depth on Sixth street one hundred and eighty feet bounded eastward with the messuage and lot of Richard Penn, southward with Minor street, westward with Sixth street and northward with High street aforesaid, and also of and in a certain other lot or piece of ground situate on the south side of Minor street aforesaid, containing in breadth on the said street sixty feet and in depth eighty-six feet, bounded northward by Minor street aforesaid, eastward and southward by ground of Elizabeth Church and westward by Sixth street aforesaid:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas it is suitable and necessary that a proper house be provided by the public for the residence of his excellency the president of the supreme executive council of the state for the time being:

¹ Passed March 6, 1778, Chapter 784.

[Section I.] (Section IV, P. L.) 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 said messuage or tenement, and two lots or pieces of ground with all the buildings, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be and the same are hereby granted to and vested in Plunket Fleeson, Jonathan Bayard Smith, William Henry, George Schloffer and Isaac Howell, Esquires, to have and to hold the said messuage or tenement and lots of ground and all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto them the said Plunket Fleeson, Jonathan Bayard Smith, William Henry, George Schloffer and Isaac Howell and the survivors and survivor of them and to the heirs of the survivor of them forever, subject to the ground rent, and other encumbrances under which the said Joseph Galloway held the same; yet nevertheless to the uses, intents and purposes herein after specified and to no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever, That is to say, to and for the use of the president of the supreme executive council of this state for the time being, and to and for such other uses, intents and purposes as the general assembly of this commonwealth shall hereafter direct and appoint, and on this further trust and confidence that they the said trustees and the survivors and survivor of them and the heirs of such survivor do and shall permit and suffer the president of the supreme executive council of the state for the time being, to have the exclusive care and management of the said house and lots with the appurtenances, either to occupy the same or to lease and receive the rents, issues and profits thereof to his private use and advantage.

Passed March 18, 1779. See the note to the Act of Assembly passed March 6, 1778, Chapter 784; and the Acts of Assembly passed March 29, 1779, Chapter 832; February 28, 1780, Chapter 878.