

same, and for other purposes therein mentioned," enacted the thirteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven; and of the act, entitled "[An act] for the further security of the government," and of the supplement thereto; as are hereby altered or supplied, shall be repealed and become null and void; and that all other parts of the same acts which are now in force shall remain, continue and be in as full force and effect as if this act had never been made.

Passed October 1, 1779. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed June 13, 1777, Chapter 756; April 1, 1778, Chapter 796; and the Act of Assembly passed September 13, 1785, Chapter 1175. The act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 13, 1789, Chapter 1396.

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#### CHAPTER DCCCLIII.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE REPEAL OF SO MUCH OF THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY 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 FOR ASCERTAINING AND SATISFYING THE LAWFUL DEBTS AND CLAIMS THEREUPON, AS RELATES TO REYNOLD KEEN IN THE SAID ACT NAMED."<sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it appears to this house by certificate from the records of the supreme court of this commonwealth, that the said Reynold Keen, did on the twenty-eighth day of November last, within the time limited by the said act, whereto this is a supplement, render himself to the chief justice of the said court, and at the last term of the court of oyer and terminer, for the county of Philadelphia (did appear to abide his legal trial for any treason or misprison of treason that he had been or might be charged with, and was at the said term discharged from prosecution, by proclamation of the said court:

[Section III, P. L.] (Section II, P. L.) And whereas the said Reynold Keen, hath humbly petitioned this house for relief from

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<sup>1</sup> Passed November 26, 1778, Chapter 818.

the forfeiture of his estate incurred upon the said act of attainder:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it 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 all process and proceedings now carrying on against the estate of the said Reynold Keen by virtue of the said act of attainder, forthwith cease and become null and void, and that all, and every the lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, rights and credits, whereof the said Reynold Keen stood seized, or was possessed or entitled to at the time of his attainder, and not sold by the agents for confiscated estates, or commissioners appointed by the council of safety of this state, at any time before the said twenty-eighth day of November last past, shall revert in the said Reynold Keen, and that he shall have, hold, possess and enjoy the same and every part thereof, for such estate and estates, and to such uses, as he was seized of, or held the same at the time of such his attainder, as fully and amply as if he had never stood attainted or the same had never been forfeited; anything in the said act of attainder or the act whereto this is a supplement to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any part of the estate of the said Reynold Keen, sold by the agents for confiscated estates, or commissioners appointed by ordinance of the council of safety aforesaid, at any time before the said twenty-eighth day of November last past, but that the said Reynold Keen, his heirs, executors and administrators shall be forever debarred from recovering the same, and from having any action or actions against the said agents or commissioners, or any of them for any matter or thing they have done therein:  
And,

[Section III.] (Section V, P. L.) Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the said estate of the said Reynold Keen from being liable to pay all costs and charges respecting the said estate, which may have been incurred by

the agents for forfeited estates or commissioners aforesaid to the day of passing this act.

Passed October 6, 1779. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed March 6, 1778, Chapter 784; November 26, 1778, Chapter 818.

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CHAPTER DCCLIV.

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AN ACT TO VEST THE ESTATE OF NATHANIEL VERNON LATE OF CHESTER COUNTY. IN HIS FOUR SONS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Thomas Vernon of the county of Chester, in behalf of himself and of his three brothers Job Vernon, a captain in the fifth Pennsylvania regiment of continental troops, Frederick Vernon, a major of the eighth Pennsylvania regiment of the same, and John Vernon children of Nathaniel Vernon, late of the county aforesaid, esquire, one of the persons attainted of high treason by the laws of this commonwealth by his petition hath shown that however guilty their father may have been of a crime to occasion the forfeiture of his estate, yet that the petitioner and his said brethren have ever demeaned themselves as good citizens and have manifested their attachment to this state, the said Job and Frederick, particularly by engaging ever since the commencement of hostilities in actual service, as officers in the continental army, and the said Thomas by commanding a company of the militia of this state (the said John Vernon being under the age of eighteen) and therefore hath prayed that they may not be reduced to indigence on account of their father's transgressions but that his estate (subject to the payment of his debts) may be vested and established in the said four brethren:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas the facts set forth in the said petition appear to be true:

[Section I.] (Section III, 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