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CHAPTER DCCCLVIII.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND CONFIRM THE ESTATE OF JOHN SOMMERS IN SEVERAL LANDS AND TENEMENTS IN THIS STATE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas John Sommers of the manor of Moreland in the county of Philadelphia, yeoman, hath represented to the general assembly of this commonwealth that he is seised and possessed of sundry lands and tenements in the said manor of Moreland, bounded as followeth, viz.: Ninety-two acres thereof adjoining Samuel Swift, William Walton, Jonathan Wilson, a road to Newtown and Henry Walton's land; about seven acres part thereof at a place called Smithfield, adjoining the said Newtown road and lands of John Britain and Isaac Comely; one acre and twenty-two perches of land adjoining the road to the Crooked Billet by the said Newtown road and the said John Britain; and eighty-two perches of land adjoining the said Henry Walton and John Dorley:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas at the time of the British invasion of this state, the said John Somers with the intention of providing for the safety of his title deeds, buried the same under ground, from whence they have come out much defaced and in many material places rendered illegible, as upon the view and examination thereof has appeared to a committee of this house:

(Section III, P. L.) And the said John Sommers has humbly prayed for the aid of the legislature to establish by law his right and title to the lands and tenements he is in possession of under the aforesaid deeds notwithstanding the aforesaid defects and

imperfections of the same, and has complied with the directions of the general assembly by giving public notice of his said application in one of the English and in one of the German newspapers, printed in the city of Philadelphia.

[Section I.] (Section IV, P. L.) Therefore 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 the messuages, lands and tenements aforesaid with the appurtenances respectively are and shall be vested in the said John Sommers and his heirs: And that the said John Sommers and his heirs now do stand and from and after the publication of this act shall stand seised of the said premises and of every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said John Somers, his heirs and assigns forever: Subject to such quit rents or other rents, estates and encumbrances as are or may be legally charged on the same or any part or parcel thereof: And that all persons having and claiming any estate of property and inheritance in the same premises or in any part or parcel thereof shall within the space of one year from the publication of this act make their claim by bringing an ejectment or real action against the said John Sommers, his heirs or assigns, or the tenants and occupiers of the said lands or otherwise from all future claim shall be excluded and forever debarred except feme covert, persons under age, imprisoned or beyond sea, who shall make their claim within one year after their said incapacities shall be removed, or otherwise they shall be debarred as aforesaid.

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