

ACTS OF THE THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
PENNSYLVANIA, SECOND SITTING.

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CHAPTER MOCCLXXXVII.

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AN ACT TO ENABLE ALIENS TO PURCHASE AND HOLD REAL ESTATE  
WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the empowering of aliens to purchase and hold lands, tenements and hereditaments within this commonwealth would have a tendency to promote the public benefit not only by introducing large sums of money into this state but also by inducing such aliens as may have acquired property to follow their interest and become useful citizens:

[Section I.] (Section II, 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 from and after the passing of this act and until the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, it shall and may be lawful for all and every foreigner and foreigners, alien or aliens, not being the subject or subjects of some foreign state or power, which is or shall be at the time or times of such purchase or purchases at war with the United States of America, to purchase lands, tenements and hereditaments within this commonwealth and to have and hold the same to them, their heirs and assigns forever as fully to all intents and purposes as any natural born subject or subjects may or can do.

Passed February 11, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 449. The Act in the text was revived and continued by the Act of Assembly passed March 8, 1792, Chapter 1607; and extended by the Act of Assembly passed February 12, 1795, Chapter 1795.