

CHAPTER MMLXXII.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF GEORGE WALTON.

Whereas it appears that Arnold Richardson, late of the city of Philadelphia, deceased, being in his lifetime seized in his demesne, as of fee, of a certain lot or piece of ground situated in the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, containing in front on Rose street twenty feet, and in depth eighty feet, did, by articles of agreement in writing, contract and agree to sell and convey the same to George Walton, in fee, for the consideration of seventy pounds, of which the said George Walton hath paid the sum of fifty-one pounds eleven shillings and three pence, and the said George Walton, or his assigns, have improved the said lot, by erecting buildings thereon; but the said Arnold Richardson died before executing a deed for the same, and since his decease the articles of agreement above mentioned have been casually lost, so that relief cannot be had under the act of assembly, entitled, "An act to enable executors and administrators, by leave of court, to convey lands and tenements contracted for with their decedents, and for other purposes therein mentioned."¹ Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the court of common pleas, upon reasonable notice to all persons interested, to order and direct the administrator of Arnold Richardson, deceased, to execute a deed to George Walton, his heirs and assigns, for a certain lot or piece of ground, situated in the township of the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, containing in front on Rose street twenty feet, and in depth eighty feet, which deed shall be as good and available, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been executed in pursu-

ance of the powers given to the courts of judicature by the act, entitled, "An act to enable executors and administrators, by leave of court, to convey lands and tenements contracted for with their decedents, and for other purposes therein mentioned."² Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to bar or defeat any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, of any right, title, interest, claim or demand, which they may have in or to the said lot of ground, or any part thereof.

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CHAPTER MMLXXIII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT AND COMMISSION AN AUCTIONEER, FOR THE EXPRESS AND SOLE PURPOSE OF SELLING HORSES, CATTLE AND CARRIAGES, WITHIN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint and commission an auctioneer, who shall be expressly, solely and exclusively authorized to sell horses, cattle and carriages, at public auction, within the city of Philadelphia; and the said auctioneer shall keep a book, and register in the same the names of the sellers and purchasers of all horses and cattle sold by him, together with the colors, ages and marks of such horses and cattle, and shall pay the same duties, give the same security, and be liable to the same penalties, as other auctioneers are, under the existing laws of this commonwealth.

²See Ante.