

CHAPTER MMCDV.

AN ACT TO QUIET THE CLAIM OF JAMES GUNN, TO THE ESTATES,
REAL AND PERSONAL, OF GENERAL JAMES GUNN, DECEASED.

Whereas, it is represented to the legislature, that general James Gunn, late a senator of the United States from the state of Georgia, died without issue, and, as it is supposed, testate, seized and possessed of certain estates, real, personal and mixed, within this commonwealth; and it has been suggested that the said estates have escheated for want of heirs, or any known kindred of the said general James Gunn: And whereas, it is recited in an act of the general assembly of the state of Georgia, entitled "An act to quiet the claim of James Gunn to the estates, real and personal, of general James Gunn, deceased," passed on the twenty-second day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two, that "it appeared from the strongest presumptive testimony, that the said general James Gunn left a will and testament, but that the same has been lost or destroyed, so that there is no probability of its being found; and that it also appeared to have been the wish, desire, and intention of the said general James Gunn, that his nephew James Gunn, of the state of Virginia, should inherit, possess, and enjoy his estate, real and personal." And whereas, the justice and liberality of the state will not permit any pecuniary advantage to be derived from an escheat, under such circumstances: 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 all and every the right, title, interest, claim and demand, which this commonwealth may have acquired, by reason of any escheat, or supposed escheat, for want of heirs, or known kindred of general James Gunn, late of the state of Georgia, deceased, of, into, and out of the estates, real, personal and mixed, whereof the said general James Gunn died seized and possessed, or where-

unto he was in anywise legally entitled within this state, or any part thereof, shall be, and the same hereby are vested in James Gunn, of the state of Virginia, nephew of the said general James Gunn, to be had and held by him, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever; subject nevertheless to the satisfaction and payment of all just liens, debts, claims and demands whatsoever.

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CHAPTER MMCDVI.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING ELIZABETH SHINER, CHRISTIAN SHINER AND JOHN NEYMAN, ADMINISTRATORS OF CHRISTOPHEL SHINER, DECEASED, TO CONVEY A CERTAIN MESSUAGE AND TRACT OF LAND, SITUATE IN NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY.

Whereas Elizabeth Shiner, Christian Shiner and John Neyman, administrators of Christophel Shiner, late of Colebrookdale township, in the county of Berks, deceased, by their petition to the general assembly of this commonwealth, have set forth that Melchior Shiner, late of New Hanover township, in the county of (then Philadelphia, now) Montgomery, deceased, at the time of his decease, being possessed and seized in his demesne as of fee in and to a certain messuage, tenement, and tract or piece of land, situate in the township of New Hanover aforesaid, and containing about one hundred and forty acres, having first made his last will and testament, bearing date the nineteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, duly proved and remaining in the register's office, for the city and county of Philadelphia; wherein the testator ordered and directed, that after the decease of his widow, the said premises should be sold at public sale, and empowered his son, Christophel Shiner, to give deed or deeds, to the purchaser or purchasers thereof; that the said widow (late wife of the said Melchior Shiner) having since also deceased; that the said Christophel Shiner, in compliance with the directions of the said will, on the second day