

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

of January, one thousand eight hundred and two, after due and public notice first given, exposed the same to public sale, which was struck off to Amos Jones, at the rate of three pounds, and sixteen shillings per acre, he being the highest and best bidder; that the said Christophel Shiner, since the sale of the said premises, having also died intestate, and no actual conveyance having been made unto the said Amos Jones: And whereas doubts have arisen in the minds of the court of the county of Montgomery aforesaid, as to the right of the said administrators, under the existing laws, to make the conveyance: 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 Elizabeth Shiner, Christian Shiner, and John Neyman, the administrators of Christophel Shiner, late of Colebrookdale township, in the county of Berks, deceased, or the survivor of them, be, and they are hereby authorized to convey in fee simple, unto Amos Jones, all that messuage, tenement and tract or piece of land, containing about one hundred and forty acres, situate in New Hanover township, in the county of Montgomery, late the property of Melchior Shiner, deceased, which conveyance shall be equally valid as if the said Christophel Shiner had made the same in his lifetime.

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CHAPTER MMCDVII.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE MODE OF TAKING TESTIMONY IN CASES OF COMPLAINT AGAINST JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Whereas frequent applications are made to the legislature for the removal of justices of the peace from office: And whereas the parties frequently reside so far from the seat of government, as in a great measure to prevent that full and fair examination of witnesses, and investigation of the subject, which the nature of the case requires: Therefore,