

nor more than fifteen years, and shall be kept, treated and dealt with in all things, as is prescribed by an act, entitled "An act to reform the penal laws of this state, passed April the fifth one thousand seven hundred and ninety."<sup>(1)</sup>

Approved March 5, 1804. Recorded in L. B. No. 9, p. 435.

Note (1). Chapter 616; 13 Statutes at Large, p. 511. See also Chapter 2528 (Act January 8, 1805, P. L. 8), *infra* this volume, p. 885; Chapter 2654, (Act March 1, 1806, P. L. 382), 18 Statutes at Large; and Chapter 3042, (Act March 3, 1809,) 18 Statutes at Large.

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## CHAPTER MMCDLII.

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### AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF ROBERT HARRIS.

Whereas Robert Harris, a native of Scotland, in the kingdom of Great Britain, hath represented to the legislature, that having arrived in this state, with an intention of residing therein, in the month of June, anno domini one thousand eight hundred and two; that in the month of August following he purchased of James M'Cahrin a plantation of two hundred and seventeen acres of land, situated in Westnantmill township, in the county of Chester, bounded by lands of Charles Reed, David Denny, Samuel Byers, and others, for the sum of twelve hundred pounds; of which sum five hundred and seventy pounds was paid at the time he received his deed, and secured the payment of the residue to the said James M'Cahrin, and has been in possession of the premises since April last. And whereas it appears that the petitioner, at the time of his purchase, was unacquainted with the laws relative to aliens purchasing and holding lands within this commonwealth. And whereas it has been represented to the legislature, that the petitioner has made a bona fide purchase of the said lands and resides thereon, with an intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, according to laws enacted in that behalf: 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 the title to all and singular the above described real estate, with the appurtenances acquired by the said Robert Harris, by deed of indenture made to him by the above named James M'Cahrin, shall be and remain as firm, valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if the said Robert Harris had previously thereto taken and subscribed a declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, any thing in the aforesaid act, entitled "An Act to enable aliens, in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estate within this commonwealth,"<sup>(1)</sup> or in any other act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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Note (1). Chapter 2088; 16 Statutes at Large, p. 337.

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#### CHAPTER MMCDLIII.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING JOSEPH POTTS AND JOSEPH THOMAS, ADMINISTRATORS OF MARTHA POTTS, DECEASED, TO SELL AND CONVEY A CERTAIN MESSUAGE AND LOT OF LAND, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, AND COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY.

Whereas it has been represented to the legislature, that Zebulon Potts, late of the county of Montgomery, deceased, was in his lifetime lawfully seized in his demesne, as of fee, of and in a considerable real estate, in the township of Plymouth, and county aforesaid, and by his last will and testament did give and bequeath unto his wife Martha Potts, all his real estate during her natural life, with full power and authority to sell and convey the same, or any part thereof, and to execute sufficient deeds for the same; and that after her decease the residue should be equally divided among all his children. And whereas it has been also represented to the legislature, that the said Martha Potts has since deceased intestate, leaving a portion of the said real estate unsold. And whereas it is further represented to the legislature, by the administrators to the said Martha Potts, deceased, by their petition, that it would be much to the advantage of the chil-