

authorized to act for her in making partition of the said lands: And whereas to promote the settlement and improvement of vacant lands, to guard the rights and promote the interests of orphans, and to prevent uncertainties and controversies, relative to the titles of real estates, are at all times objects deserving legislative attention and aid.

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 said John Philip De Gruchy and John Boyd, guardians of the said Jane Humphreys be, and they are hereby authorized to act for and on her behalf in making partition of the lands aforesaid, and in her behalf, to make partition of the same, with the other tenants in common above mentioned, and to receive releases and conveyances to her use in fee, of such parts or parcels of the said lands, as may be allotted to her in severalty, and to execute to the other tenants in common, such releases or conveyances, as may be necessary to confirm and perfect their titles to the parts or parcels, which may be allotted to them, respectively, in severalty, and generally for and on the behalf of the said Jane Humphreys, to make as full and complete partition of the said lands, as she herself could do were she of full age, and the acts of the said John Philip DeGruchy and John Boyd in the premises, shall be as binding upon the said Jane Humphreys, and her heirs, as if they were done by her after attaining to full age.

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CHAPTER MMDCXCVI.

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER REGULATING AND ENFORCING THE PROCEEDINGS, IN CASES OF DAMAGES UNDER TWENTY DOLLARS, BEFORE A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ALDERMAN.

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 when any justice of the peace or alderman shall have issued his precept, in case of damage under twenty dollars, if either of the parties shall fail to appear before such justice or alderman on the day to which the said precept is returnable, the justice or alderman having first ascertained, that the precept was regularly served, by the oath or affirmation of the constable serving the same, shall proceed to appoint three reputable citizens; whose duty it shall be to enquire into the truth of the case; and upon view, or otherwise, justly and truly to assess the damages (if any), which the plaintiff may have sustained; and make report thereof to the said justice or alderman in writing, signed by the said referees, or any two of them; and judgment shall be entered, and execution issue for the amount so assessed, with costs as in other cases.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of any act as is by this act altered or supplied, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER MMDCXCVII.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER WILLIAM FLINTHAM, FATHER OF JOHN FLINTHAM, A MINOR, TO SELL AND CONVEY REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO THE SAID MINOR.

Whereas John Flintham, a minor, is entitled to the undivided third part of the following real estate, in fee simple, subject to his father's life estate as tenant by the curtesy, to wit: A certain small tenement and lot of ground, situate on the west side of Fourth street, between High and Chestnut streets, in the city of Philadelphia, subject to a ground rent of four dollars per annum: And whereas it is the interest of the said minor, that all his right and title to the said estate, should be sold; but as he is incapable of making a title for the same, by reason of his minority: Therefore,