

declare his or their intention to become a citizen or citizens of the United States, agreeably to any law of the United States, at that time in force upon that subject: And provided also, that no such alien or aliens shall be competent to purchase and hold more than five hundred acres, until he or they shall have actually become a citizen or citizens of the United States

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That where any alien or aliens resident as aforesaid, may heretofore have purchased any land or other real estate within this commonwealth, after having declared his intention to become a citizen, in conformity with an act of congress at that time in force upon that subject, the same purchase shall be as valid to all intents and purposes, and shall be construed to vest the said land or real estate in the said alien or aliens as fully and absolutely as though the said declaration had been made in conformity to the act of congress, entitled "An act supplementary to and to amend the act entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed upon that subject," passed the eighteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

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That so much of any act heretofore passed upon this subject, as is hereby altered or supplied be and the same hereby is repealed.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCL.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRUSTEES TO SELL AND CONVEY A PLANTATION OR TRACT OF LAND IN CHESTER COUNTY, BEING THE JOINT PROPERTY OF THE ANABAPTIST CONGREGATION IN VINCENT TOWNSHIP, AND THE CONGREGATION OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, IN TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP.

Whereas it hath been represented to the legislature, by the trustees of the Anabaptist congregation, in Vincent township, Chester county, and by the wardens of the Episcopal

church of St. Peter, in Tredyffrin township, in the county aforesaid, That Daniel Evans, late of the township of West Whitefield, in said county, by his last will and testament, dated the twenty-seventh day of August, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, did give and bequeath unto the said two churches, a plantation or tract of land, in the township of West White-land aforesaid, whereon he then lived, after the death of his wife Sarah (who is since dead); containing one hundred and fifty-seven acres more or less; the said Anabaptist church, to have two-thirds of the rents and profits thereof forever, towards the support of the ministry of said church; and the said Episcopal church of St. Peter, the other third part of the rents and profits, for, and towards the support of the ministry of said church forever: And as it has been represented by the said trustees and wardens that it would be much more to the interest and advantage of the said congregations, if the legislature would pass a law authorizing them to dispose of the said plantation, and invest the monies arising therefrom in some productive fund, for the use of the said churches: 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 as soon as may be after the passing of this act, the elders of the Anabaptist congregation in Vincent township, and wardens and vestry of the Episcopal church of St. Peter, in Tredyffrin township, in the county of Chester, shall each of them appoint two persons as trustees, who are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of the said plantation or tract of land, with its several rights, privileges and appurtenances as soon as the same can be conveniently done, either by public or private sale, for the best and highest price that can be gotten for the same: And to give assurances and conveyances valid in the law, to the purchaser or purchasers, and his or their heirs and assigns forever; and the monies arising therefrom, to place at interest upon mortgage or other sufficient security, paying

or causing to be paid annually, two-thirds of the interest arising therefrom, to the elders for the time being, of the Anabaptist congregation aforesaid; and the remaining one-third to the wardens and vestry for the time being, of the Episcopal church of St. Peter aforesaid; for the support of the ministry in the said churches respectively; and upon the death of the said trustees or their successors, or either of them, the executors or administrators of the said trustees, or their successors, shall assign and transfer all bonds, specialties, mortgages and other securities taken in trust as aforesaid, to such person and persons, as the said elders, church-wardens and vestry, shall respectively appoint to succeed the trustee or trustees so deceased: Provided always, that in case of the dissolution of the corporation of the aforesaid churches, that then all the neat proceeds of the said sale, in whatever manner the same may be vested, shall descend to the legal representatives of the aforesaid Daniel Evans, deceased, agreeably to the intestate laws of this commonwealth, then in force.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That within twelve months after the sale aforesaid, the said elders of the Anabaptist congregation aforesaid, and the wardens and vestry of the Episcopal church aforesaid, shall cause to be erected a tablet of marble, in their respective churches, dedicated to the memory of Daniel Evans, deceased, with appropriate inscriptions of his donations to said churches respectively.

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CHAPTER MMDCCLI.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF JAMES MITCHELL.

Whereas it hath been represented to the legislature that James Mitchell entered the army of the United States, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and was wounded in the ankle at the battle of Long Island, in the same year, which rendered him unfit for duty for some time; and in