

riage contract, and from all duties and obligations arising therefrom as fully, effectually and absolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect or render illegitimate any child or children born of the body of the said Martha during her coverture.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCXXI.

AN ACT TO CONFIRM TO GEORGE BIGLER A TITLE TO A CERTAIN LOT OF LAND IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY.

Whereas it has been represented to the legislature, that a certain Michael Spiegle of the township of Springfield in the county of Philadelphia, by his last will and testament did devise unto Mary Spiegle his wife, and Philip Dresher, and to their heirs and assigns, a lot of sixteen acres and fifty-six perches of land; and that the said Mary Spiegle afterwards intermarried with John Kenner, to whom the said Philip Dresher conveyed all his right, title and interest in the said property; that the said Mary died intestate, leaving no children or known kindred; that the said John Kenner, supposing himself to be the heir at law to the land devised to his wife by her former husband, did, on the thirty-first day of March, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, convey the said sixteen acres and fifty-six perches of land to Nicholas Kline, who, some time after the purchase of the said land, became uneasy about the validity of his title, and procured from the said John Keener a bond of fifteen hundred pounds, conditioned to indemnify him for any deficiency in the title to the said property; that the said John Keener has since deceased, and by his last will and testament did bequeath a portion of his estate to persons who have become lunatic, who are now in the hospital, and a part also of his estate to charitable and religious purposes; that his executors have

finally settled their accounts, and paid all the legacies and bequests, agreeably to the direction of the testator. It is further represented that Nicholas Kline aforesaid, conveyed the said land and premises to George Bilger, who, afterwards being informed of the situation of the title to the estate, gave information to the governor, whereupon an inquisition was had at Norristown, Montgomery county, the twelfth of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, by which inquisition it was determined, that one moiety of the said sixteen acres and fifty-six perches was escheated to the commonwealth; whereby the said bond of indemnification became forfeited to the said George Bilger as the assignee of Nicholas Kline: And whereas, it has been further represented to the legislature, that the said George Bilger is willing to relinquish all his interest in the said bond, and also his one-fifth of the escheated estate, to which he is by law entitled, provided his title to the aforesaid land and premises be confirmed: And whereas, it appears to the legislature, that it would be oppressive to the heirs of the said John Kenner, to be compelled to indemnify the said George Bilger, for the amount of the property escheated to the commonwealth: 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 has acquired by reason of an escheat for want of lawful heirs, or known kindred of Mary Kenner, formerly Mary Spiegle, to one moiety of a certain lot of land, situate in Springfield township, Montgomery county, whereof the said Mary died seized, shall be, and the same is hereby vested in George Bilger of the township aforesaid: Provided, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to bar or defeat, any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, of any right, title, claim or demand, which they may have in or to the said lot of land, or any part or parcel thereof.