

CHAPTER MMMXXIII.

AN ACT VESTING A TITLE TO A SMALL PIECE OF LAND IN HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, IN CERTAIN TRUSTEES, AND THEIR SUCCESSORS FOR THE USE OF A SCHOOL.

Whereas it has been represented to the legislature, by the petition of sundry persons, inhabitants of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, that the said petitioners have erected a schoolhouse on a small piece of vacant and unappropriated land situate in said township, supposed to contain about fourteen acres, which piece of land is the property of this commonwealth, and that it would be an advantage to the petitioners and others, to have a school or schools established thereon; they have therefore prayed the legislature to vest a title to said land in certain trustees and their successors, for the benefit of said school or schools: And whereas it is just and consistent with a generous policy which ought to be pursued in republican governments, to aid the less wealthy citizens in their exertions to promote education: 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 officers of the land office are hereby authorized and required to issue a warrant and complete a title clear of purchase money and office fees, for a piece of land supposed to contain about fourteen acres situate in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, adjoining lands of George Cope and Michael Mathias, unto Christian Arrett, Abraham Ritter and Henry Snyder, and their successors, to be appointed as hereinafter directed, in trust and for the sole use and benefit of such English or German schools, as may from time to time be kept thereon: Provided always, that the right or title of any person or persons to said land, which may have accrued prior to the passage of this act, shall not be prejudiced or affected thereby.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case of the death or removal out of the neighborhood of said school, of all or either of the said trustees or their successors, it shall be lawful for a majority of the subscribers to said school as often as occasion may require, to choose other trustees to supply such vacancy.

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CHAPTER MMMXXIV.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE LIEN OF THIS COMMONWEALTH ON THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM NICHOLS, DECEASED.

By an act of the general assembly of Pennsylvania passed February eighteenth, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five,⁽¹⁾ and before the formation and adoption of the constitution of the United States, and in the twelfth section of the said act, it is enacted and declared, "That the settlement of any public account by the comptroller general, and confirmation thereof by the supreme executive council, whereby any balance or sum of money shall be found due from any person to the commonwealth, shall be deemed and adjudged a lien on all the real estate of such person throughout this state, in the same manner as if judgment had been given in favor of the commonwealth, against such person for such debt in the supreme court, and if after an appeal from the said settlement of account by or award of the said comptroller general, and confirmation thereof by the supreme executive council, the said settlement shall be confirmed, the said supreme court, shall award interest thereon from the date of the confirmation of the said settlement of account by the supreme executive council, and costs to be paid by the appellant."

And whereas William Nichols, as clerk of the mayor's court of the city of Philadelphia, received for tavern licenses, for the use of this commonwealth, large sums of money, and upon