

who was at the time of signing the same, and now is, the secretary in and for the aforesaid state: Therefore, due faith and credit is, and ought to be given to his proceedings and certificates as secretary of said state.

In testimony whereof, the great seal of said state is hereunto affixed, and the hand of the said governor, at Trenton, the fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eight.

JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD.

By the Governor,

JAMES LINN,  
Secretary of State.

Recorded in L. B. No. 11, p. 277.

Note (\*). Chapter 2426; 17 Statutes at Large, p. 558.

Note (\*). Chapter 3030; infra this volume, p. 937.

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CHAPTER MMMXXXI.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH, GAVIN HAMILTON AND PETER LE BARBIER DUPLESSIS, TO CONVEY A LOT OF GROUND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Whereas the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by petition to the general assembly of this commonwealth, hath set forth that the said Grand Lodge owns a lot of ground situate on the southwest corner of Twelfth and Walnut streets, in the city of Philadelphia, containing in breadth on Twelfth street aforesaid, seventy feet, and in depth on Walnut street aforesaid, one hundred and twenty-four feet, bounded northward by Walnut street, aforesaid, westward and southward by ground now or late of Joseph Dean, and eastward by Twelfth street aforesaid, which said lot of ground was formerly given to the said Grand Lodge by Joseph Dean, a member of the said Grand Lodge, and afterwards by the commissioners of bankruptcy of the said Joseph Dean, sold and conveyed to

John R. Smith, and by the said John R. Smith, by indenture, dated the fifth day of March, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, granted and conveyed unto Jonathan Bayard Smith, Joseph Few, Thomas Procter, Gavin Hamilton and Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, as joint tenants in fee: And the said Jonathan Bayard Smith, Joseph Few, Thomas Procter, Gavin Hamilton and Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, by declaration of trust bearing date the twenty-fifth day of June, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, endorsed on the said indenture, did acknowledge and declare that the said lot of ground was held by them in trust for the use of the said Grand Lodge: That the said Joseph Few and Thomas Procter, have departed this life, and that the legal title to the said lot of ground remains in the said Jonathan Bayard Smith, Gavin Hamilton and Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, the surviving trustees, but that the equitable title to the same is in the said Grand Lodge: That the said Grand Lodge is desirous of making sale of the said lot of ground but that by reason of certain expressions in the said declaration of trust, it is conceived that the said surviving trustees cannot grant and convey the same freed and discharged from the said trust, therefore praying that the said surviving trustees, and the survivors and survivor of them and the heirs of the survivor may be authorized by law to grant and convey the said lot of ground, freed and discharged from the aforesaid trust, to the purchaser or purchasers thereof in fee simple: And whereas the foregoing representation of facts appears to be true, and it is just and reasonable that the prayer of the said petition should be granted: 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 said Jonathan Bayard Smith, Gavin Hamilton and Peter Le Barbier Duplessis, the said surviving trustees, and the survivors and survivor of them and the heirs of the survivor, be, and they are hereby au-

thorized to grant and convey in fee simple to whomsoever may become the purchaser or purchasers thereof, the aforesaid lot of ground and premises, with the appurtenances absolutely freed and forever discharged of, and from the aforesaid trust.

Approved February 23, 1809. Recorded in L. B. No. 11, p. 279.

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## CHAPTER MMMXXXII.

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### AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE HEIRS OF FREDERICK VERNON, DECEASED.

Whereas Frederick Vernon, late a major in the United States' army, did receive a patent for a tract of donation land of three hundred acres, in the tenth donation district, which tract is found to lie within the territory and jurisdiction of the state of New York; And whereas it appears on application to the land-office, there is not one tract of three hundred acres remaining undrawn, of that description of lands assigned by an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An act to grant relief to certain persons late officers and soldiers in the Pennsylvania line, &c." dated the fifth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three,<sup>(1)</sup> to supply the place of lots that have so fallen within the state of New York: 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 heirs of Frederick Vernon deceased, be, and they are hereby authorized to draw a lot of donation land within the tenth district of three hundred acres, and the officers of the land office are hereby empowered and required to grant them a patent for the same: Provided, that the heirs of the said Frederick Vernon de-