

CHAPTER MMMLXXXVII.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER JOHN KNAUSS AND JOHN LERCH, ADMINISTRATORS OF PAUL KNAUSS, DECEASED, TO CONVEY TWO TRACTS OF LAND IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON.

Whereas Paul Knauss, formerly of Allen township, in the county of Northampton, deceased, in his lifetime, became seized in fee simple of, in, and to a certain tract of land situate in Allen township aforesaid, containing ninety-one acres and three quarters of an acre, and allowance of six per cent. &c., which tract of land the said Paul Knauss purchased from a certain John Allison, and obtained a deed therefor, bearing date the eighteenth day of April, A. D. one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, as by a reference to the records of the said county of Northampton will appear. And whereas the said Paul Knauss, deceased, on or about the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and three, by a parole agreement, sold twenty-three acres and sixty-three perches of land (strict measure) part of the said tract of ninety-one acres and three quarters, unto a certain Conrad Kreider, of Allen township aforesaid, for the consideration of the sum of four hundred and sixty-eight dollars. And also on or about the same time, the said Paul Knauss, by a parole agreement, sold other thirty-three acres and three quarters of an acre of land (strict measure) part of the aforesaid larger tract of ninety-one acres and three quarters, unto a certain John Smoyer, of Allen township aforesaid, for the consideration of the sum of six hundred and seventy-five dollars. And whereas the said Paul Knauss lately died intestate, without having executed conveyances to the said Conrad Kreider and John Smoyer for the lands so sold by him during his lifetime, and without having made sufficient provision for the performance of the said agreements, and some of the heirs of the said Paul Knauss, are minors. And the said Conrad Kreider and John Smoyer having paid a considerable part of the consideration monies aforesaid, and being ready and willing to pay the remainder, on re-

ceiving good and sufficient conveyances agreeably to the intent and meaning of their several contracts, it is but reasonable and just, as the existing laws do not embrace the cases aforesaid, that the said administrators should be empowered to carry into effect, and to complete the contracts and agreements of the said Paul Knauss: 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 John Knauss and John Lerch, of Allen township, in the county of Northampton, administrators of the goods, chattels, rights, and credits of Paul Knauss, late of the said township and county, deceased, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to grant and convey unto Conrad Kreider, of Allen township aforesaid, twenty-three acres and sixty-four perches of land, strict measure, situate in Allen township aforesaid, being part of a larger tract of land, containing ninety-one acres and three quarters, part of the estate of the said Paul Knauss, deceased, which said twenty-three acres and sixty-four perches of land, the said Paul Knauss, in his lifetime, sold to the said Conrad Kreider, for the consideration of the sum of four hundred and sixty-eight dollars; and the said John Knauss and John Lerch, are hereby further authorized and empowered to grant and convey unto John Smoyer, of Allen township, aforesaid, thirty-three acres and three quarters of an acre of land, strict measure, situate as aforesaid, and one other part of the said larger tract of ninety-one acres and three quarters, part of the estate of the said Paul Knauss, deceased, which said thirty-three acres and three quarters of an acre of land, the said Paul Knauss, deceased, in his lifetime, sold to the said John Smoyer, for the consideration of the sum of six hundred and seventy-five dollars: Provided always nevertheless, that the remainder of the purchase money yet due by the said Conrad Kreider and John Smoyer, shall be paid to the said administrators previous to their completing the titles as aforesaid.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the conveyances so made as aforesaid, shall be as good and as valid in law as if they had been made by the said Paul Knauss, deceased, during his lifetime.

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CHAPTER MMMLXXXVIII.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THIS COMMONWEALTH TO ISSUE A PATENT TO GEORGE BAKER, FOR A LOT OF GROUND THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas by the records deposited in the secretary's office of this commonwealth, it appears that George Baker purchased out-lot number fifty-six, in the reserve tract of land at the mouth of Big Beaver creek, sold in pursuance of an act of assembly, passed the twenty-eighth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one,⁽¹⁾ and paid the purchase money for the same; and that a patent issued to the said Baker for the aforesaid lot. And it also appears by the petition of the said Baker, that the aforesaid patent was lost or mislaid before it came into his hands: 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 secretary of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a patent to George Baker, for out-lot number fifty-six, in the reserve tract of land at the mouth of Big Beaver creek, in Beaver county, in lieu of the original patent, stated to be lost: saving always, the right of any other person or persons, to whom it may have been transferred by the said Baker.

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Note (*). Chapter 1600; 14 Statutes at Large, p. 190.