

act, and subsequent acts relative to the disposal of the vacant lands within this commonwealth, shall obtain patents for the same, in the usual manner, and the officers of the Land-Office, on the application of any person holding donation lands by patent, within the bounds aforesaid, or within that part usually called the triangle, and the applicant, or applicants aforesaid, releasing his, her or their patent, or patents to the commonwealth, shall have another unappropriated lot or lots of equal quantity; which said lot, or lots shall be patented to the person or persons so releasing, in the usual manner and free of expense.

§ 2. This act, and the foregoing act, (chap. 2276,) of April 2d, 1802, (except the limitation clause of the said last recited act,) were to continue in force until the 1st of April, 1806.

The act of 25th of March, 1805, was annually continued in force, and by the act of 4th of April, 1809, the limitation was further extended until the 1st of April, 1810. Since which period there has been no further extension; and the offices are now closed against any application for donation lands.

By an act passed 11th of March, 1809, in consequence of a decision of the supreme court in the case of *Thomas Grant*, the brother of an officer who was killed in the service of the United States, during the war, and who was held to be entitled as heir at law under the 5th section of the act of 2d of April, 1802, his brother having died unmarried; no patent was to issue for donation lands, after passing this act, except to the widow or children of any deceased officer or soldier.

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CHAPTER MCXXX.

An ACT for incorporating the Presbyterian Church of Falling-Spring, in the county of Franklin.

Passed 25th of March, 1785.—Private act.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. page 474.

CHAPTER MCXXXIV.

An ACT for the limitation of actions to be brought for the inheritance or possession of real property, or upon penal acts of Assembly.

SECT. I. WHEREAS it is necessary for the quieting of estates, and for the greater security of real property, that provision should be made for the limitation of actions to be brought for any manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments:

SECT. II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That, from henceforth, no person or persons whatsoever shall make entry into any manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments, after the expiration of twenty-one years next after his, her or their right or title to the same first descended or accrued; nor shall any person or persons whatsoever have or maintain any writ of right, or any other real or possessory writ or action, for any manor, lands, tenements or hereditaments, of the seizin or possession of him, her or themselves, his, her or their ancestors or predecessors, nor declare or allege any other seizin or possession of him, her or themselves, his, her or their ancestors or predecessors, than within twenty-one years next before such writ, action or suit, so hereafter to be sued, commenced or brought.*

Entry into lands &c. barred, after 21 years after the title accrued.

No seizin or possession shall be alleged beyond 21 years, before any writ of right, or any other real or possessory writ or action, for lands, &c. is sued.