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CHAPTER MDXVII.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An Act to declare and regulate escheats."

(Original act, vol. 2, pa. 425.)

WHEREAS, it is proper that persons purchasing lands in this state may transmit their possessions to their children, relations, or friends, who may still remain in, and be the subjects of, foreign states : Therefore,

Aliens enabled to acquire, take, hold and dispose of real estate by devise or descent.

SECT. I. *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 every person, being a citizen or subject of any foreign state, shall be able and capable in law of acquiring and taking, by devise or descent, lands and other real property in this commonwealth, and of holding and disposing of the same, in as full and ample a manner as the citizens of this state may or can do, and no such lands or estate so held by devise or descent shall escheat or be forfeited to the commonwealth, for or on account of the alienage of such person claiming the same under any last will, or succeeding thereto, according to the laws of this commonwealth.

And to dispose of personal estate, by testament or otherwise.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all such persons shall be able and capable in law to dispose of any goods and effects, to which they may be entitled within this state, either by testament, donation, or otherwise, and their representatives, in whatever place they may reside, shall receive the succession, according to the laws of this commonwealth, either in person or by attorney, in the same manner as if they were citizens of this commonwealth.

Alien enemies excepted.

SECT. III. *Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing, herein contained, shall be construed to prevent the sequestration of any real or personal estate belonging to any such alien, during the continuance of war between the United States of America and the state or prince, of which such person may be a citizen or subject.

Passed 23d February, 1791.—Recorded in Law Book No. IV. page 130. (i)

(i) For the existing law respecting wills will be found a retrospective view of all the laws passed on the same subject. February, 1807, in the notes to which

CHAPTER MDXVIII.

A further SUPPLEMENT to the several acts of the General Assembly respecting auctions and auctioneers.

(See chap. 903, vol. 1, page 599, and the notes thereto subjoined.)

WHEREAS inconveniences have arisen by restraining auctioneers from holding their auctions wheresoever they may judge it convenient in the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, or the townships of the Northern-Liberties and Moyamensing : For remedy whereof,