

shall be, and they hereby are, transferred to and vested in the said trustees herein directed to be appointed and incorporated, and their successors, with full power to take, receive, hold, use, recover and enjoy the same, according to the purpose, true intent and meaning of this act, and that in like manner all claims, rights and demands, of any person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, against either of the said two boards, shall be and remain valid and effectual against the trustees herein directed to be appointed and incorporated, and their successors, with power to demand, receive and recover the same, as if they had been originally contracted by or due, or recoverable from, the said trustees herein directed to be appointed and incorporated.

[Section V.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That pursuant to the ninth article of the terms of union, the trustees shall annually lay a statement of the funds of the institution before the legislature of the commonwealth.

Passed Sept. 30, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 263, etc.

CHAPTER MDXCIX.

AN ACT FOR VESTING A YEARLY RENT-CHARGE OF FIVE POUNDS, ISSUING OUT OF A MESSUAGE AND LOT OF GROUND SITUATE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGH STREET, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, IN A TRUSTEE TO COLLECT THE ARREARAGES OF RENT DUE, AND TO GROW DUE, AND TO APPLY THE MONEYS ARISING THEREFROM TO THE USES THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas Richard Richardson and some of the other heirs and representatives of Joseph Richardson, formerly of Providence

township, in the county of Philadelphia, yeoman, deceased, by their petition, have represented to this house that the said Joseph Richardson and Elizabeth his wife, and Samuel Richardson, his son, and heir apparent, by indenture dated the twenty-seventh day of July, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, for the consideration therein mentioned, did grant and confirm unto Mary Cook, of the said city, widow, all that messuage and lot of ground situate on the north side of High street, between Front and Second streets, from Delaware, in the said city, containing in breadth on High street twenty-four feet, and at the north end twenty-five feet, and in length or depth one hundred and two feet, bounded northward with a lot formerly of Griffith Jones, deceased, eastward with a messuage and lot formerly of Abraham Bickley, deceased, southward with High street, and westward with a messuage and lot formerly of James Porteus, deceased, together with the appurtenances, to hold to her, the said Mary Cook, her heirs and assigns forever, paying therefor unto the said Joseph Richardson and Elizabeth his wife, their heirs assigns, the yearly rent or sum of five pounds lawful silver money of America, on the first day of July yearly forever; that by virtue whereof the said Joseph Richardson and Elizabeth his wife, became jointly seized in fee of the said yearly rent charge, and being thereof seized, she, the said Elizabeth, died, by means whereof the same survived to and became wholly vested in him, the said Joseph, who being so thereof seized also died, and by his testament and last will in writing, dated the sixth day of December, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, recorded in the register's office at Philadelphia, devised the said yearly rent charge to his four sons, Samuel, Awbray, Edward and the said Richard, to be equally divided between them; that the said Awbray and Edward both died before their said father, Joseph; that the said Samuel many years ago also died; that the said Richard is very ancient and infirm, much reduced in his circumstances, and not able to support himself; that it appears the said Joseph Richardson, by his will, only gave to his said four sons, Samuel, Awbray, Edward and Richard, in the said yearly rent charge, a life

estate in common tenancy, and did not dispose of the reversion therein in fee to any person, but died intestate as to that part of his estate; that the said Richard hath only received his one-fourth part of the said yearly rent charge, the other three-fourths for many years past still remains unpaid; that the said Samuel, Awbray and Edward left behind them a great number of children to whom their three undivided fourth parts of and in the said yearly rent charge descended and became vested, to be divided amongst them agreeably to the laws for the distribution of intestates' estates; that several of the children of the said Samuel, Awbray and Edward are dead and have left behind them a numerous offspring, who are now much dispersed over different parts of this state and of the United States; that several of the heirs and representatives of the said Joseph had given to the said Richard, for his better support and maintenance, their several shares in the said yearly rent charge, and the arrearages thereof, and it is presumed many more of them would willingly do it, could they be found out without great expense and trouble; that the petitioners were very anxious and desirous to collect the arrearages of the said yearly rent charge, but could not do it, being branched out in so many different owners, without the aid and assistance of the legislature; and thereupon have prayed leave to bring in a bill to vest the said yearly rent charge and the arrearages thereof, in certain persons in trust, to be collected for the purposes hereinafter mentioned: 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 yearly rent charge or sum of five pounds and all the arrearages thereof due and to grow due, be and the same are, by force of this act, vested in Richard Richardson, his heirs and assigns forever, in trust for the heirs and representatives of the said Joseph Richardson, but saving and excepting to all other person or persons their rights therein.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to

and for the said trustee, his heirs and assigns, immediately after the passing of this act, to ask, demand, collect, sue for, and by all lawful ways and means in the law recover and receive, of and from all and every person and persons, owners or possessors of the said described messuage and lot of ground, all the arrearages of the said yearly rent charge due and to grow due.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all the moneys arising from the said yearly rent charge and also from the collection of the arrearages thereof, shall be, by the said trustee, his heirs and assigns, paid and distributed to and amongst the heirs and representatives of the said Joseph Richardson, in the proportions and according to the several shares therein, the necessary charges and expenses attending this trust being first deducted.

Passed Sept. 30, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 266, etc.

CHAPTER MDC.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE GOVERNOR TO LAY OUT A TOWN AND OUT LOTS AT THE MOUTH OF BEAVER CREEK, FOR THE USES THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas by the act of assembly passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, for the purpose of redeeming the certificates of the depreciation given to the officers and soldiers of the Pennsylvania line, and for other purposes therein mentioned, a certain tract of land was reserved for the use of the state, as in the said act is expressed, containing three thousand acres, situate on the Ohio and on both sides of the mouth of Beaver Creek, including Fort McIntosh: And whereas it appears that the sale of one-third part of said tract will be an encouragement, convenience and security to those who become the first settlers.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Penn-