

[No. 103.]

AN ACT

To authorize Thomas Gardner, Benjamin J. Miller, and Isaac Coates, trustees, to sell and convey certain real estates, and for other purposes.

Preamble

WHEREAS, a certain lot of ground in the village of Coatesville, in Chester county, was sold and conveyed in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, to certain trustees for the purpose of having erected thereon a house for public worship, to be used by Presbyterians, Baptists, Friends, Episcopalians and Methodists: AND WHEREAS, it now appears that it has been found impracticable to carry into effect the original intention of the contributors towards the purchase of said lot, and building the said house of worship.

Therefore,

Trustees
powers

SECTION 1. *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 Thomas Gardner, Benjamin J. Miller and Isaac Coates, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey to Thomas Scott, William Scott and John D. Perkins, jr., all that lot and piece of ground, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate in the village of Coatesville and county of Chester, which Joshua H. Edwards, by indenture bearing date the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, granted and conveyed unto the said Thomas Gardner, Benjamin J. Miller and Isaac Coates, in trust for the purposes therein mentioned, the said lot and buildings thereon erected, to be held by the said Thomas Scott, William Scott and John D. Perkins, jr., in like manner in trust for the use as a place of worship for the Presbyterian Congregation of Coatesville, and for no other use or purpose whatever: *Provided,* That the said last mentioned trustees shall, within one year from the passage of this act, repay to such of the original subscribers to the fund for the purchase of said lot and building said house of worship, or their legal representatives, as shall within six months demand the same, the full amount of their several subscriptions to the said fund.

Proviso

Trustees to
give notice

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the said Thomas Scott and others, trustees as aforesaid, to give notice of the passage of this act and its provisions, in the "Village Record," published in the borough of West Chester, for six weeks from and after its passage.

SECTION 3. That the third section of the act, entitled "an act providing for the election of an additional constable in the district of Spring Garden and for other purposes, passed the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, be repealed, so far as relates to the election of two additional constables in the township of West Fallowfield, in the county of Chester." West Fallowfield Chester county
Two constables repealed

WHEREAS, the trustees of the Franklin College, in the borough and county of Lancaster, did on the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, by the name of "The Trustees of Franklin College in the city and county of Lancaster," convey by deed to John M'Cord, several tracts of land in Bradford county, which was subsequently recorded in the office for recording of deeds in Bradford county. AND WHEREAS, the said trustees and the said John M'Cord, are desirous that the title of the said John M'Cord may be considered good and valid from the date of said conveyance, notwithstanding the misnomer of the said corporation in the same. Therefore, Preamble
Franklin college in the city and county of Lancaster

SECTION 4. That the title of the said John M'Cord to the lands in the said deed described, shall be as good and valid to all intents and purposes as if no misnomer of the said corporation had been made in the said deed. And the said deed, and the record, or a certified copy thereof, shall be as good evidence of title as if the said corporation had been called by its right name. Deed of John M'Cord made valid

SECTION 5. That the president and directors of the Western Bank of Philadelphia, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to reduce the capital stock of said bank, from five hundred thousand dollars to four hundred thousand dollars, and to reduce the par value of said stock from fifty dollars to forty dollars per share, and to issue certificates for the same. "Western Bank of Philadelphia" may reduce capital

SECTION 6. That it shall be the duty of the president of the district court, for the city and county of Lancaster, after the passing of this act, and he is hereby authorized to preside in the court of quarter sessions of the peace of the said county, in all cases in which the president of said court of quarter sessions may be interested, or may have been concerned as counsel, and the clerk of the said court of quarter sessions, ten days before the commencement of each term or adjourned court of the said quarter sessions, shall furnish the said president of the district court with a list of such of those cases as shall have been set down for trial or argument. President of Lancaster District Court to preside in Quarter Session in certain cases

SECTION 7. That the Register of the county of Philadelphia, be authorized to refund to Oliver Brooks, administrator of Mary Odline, deceased, the sum of one hundred and thirty- Register of Philadelphia county to re-

fund money
to Oliver
Brooks

eight dollars eighty-eight cents, paid by him as collateral inheritance tax, provided he be satisfied that the said Mary Odline, at the time of her death, was not a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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SECTION 8. That the provisions of the fourteenth section of an act relating to Lancaster county, entitled "an act authorizing Jacob Sorrick and Michael Hetrick, trustees of the Lutheran congregation at Clover creek, Huntingdon county, to sell and convey certain real estate, and for other purposes," approved the fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, be extended to the county of Chester.

Court Crimi-
nal Sessions
Philadelphia
clerks duties
limited

SECTION 9. That so much of the ninth section of the act, entitled "An act to establish a court for the trial of crimes and misdemeanors committed in the city and county of Philadelphia," passed February twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and forty, as directs that the entire duties of the clerk of the court, created by the said act, and of the court of oyer and terminer and quarter sessions, of the county of Philadelphia, shall be performed by a clerk elected for the court of general sessions, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the clerk of the court of oyer and terminer and quarter sessions of Philadelphia county, shall be elected in the manner prescribed by the act of assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the election of prothonotaries, clerks, recorders and registers, passed July second, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, (and when so elected shall exercise all the rights and privileges, and perform all the duties now by law appertaining to the clerk of the quarter sessions, and oyer and terminer of the county of Philadelphia :) *Provided*, That nothing herein contained, shall be so construed as to prevent the clerk of the general sessions, from acting in that capacity for three years from the time of his election.

Clerk of Qr
Sessions Phi-
ladelphia
hereafter
elected

Venango co
Cranbury tp
to elect two
supervisors

SECTION 10. That so much of the act of the fifteenth day April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An act relating to counties and townships, and county and township officers, as requires the election of three supervisors in each township of this Commonwealth, be repealed so far as relates to the township of Cranberry, in the county of Venango, and that the qualified electors of said township, shall at the next ensuing township election in said township, and yearly thereafter, elect two supervisors.

Semantha
Had made
legitimate

SECTION 11. That Semantha Had, the daughter of William and Polly Had, of Sadsbury township Crawford county, shall enjoy all the rights of a child born in lawful wedlock.

SECTION 12. That Rebecca and James Martin, children of Johnston and Mary Martin, of Monroe township, Cumber-

land county, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall have and enjoy all the rights, benefits and advantages of children born in lawful wedlock, and shall be able and capable in law to inherit and transmit any estate whatsoever, as fully and completely to all intents and purposes as if they had been born in lawful wedlock.

SECTION 13. That John Wilfong, administrator, &c. of John Conrad, late of the township of Lower Merion, in the county of Montgomery, deceased, be and he is hereby authorized to sell and convey in fee simple, all the right, title and interest which William Sibley, son of Rachael Sibley, deceased, his heirs and assigns, hold under the will of Elizabeth Conrad, late of the township and county aforesaid, deceased, to a certain lot of land with the appurtenances, situate in the said township and county, bounded by the Old Lancaster road, and lands of Owen Jones, Armstrong E. McKeever and Simon Goodman, containing one acre and one hundred and thirty-eight square perches of land, it being the one eighteenth part of the same, and that the said John Wilfong pay the proceeds arising from the said sale, on demand, to such person as may be legally authorized to receive the same.

SECTION 14. That from and after the passage of this act, the provision of the law passed the twelfth day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, entitled "An act to prevent the destruction of fish in the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers, and for other purposes," shall extend to the tributary streams of said rivers.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN STROHM,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

DAVID R. PORTER.