

No. 48.

AN ACT

To confer on Catharine Hines, John, Mary, Barbara, Ann and Martha Hart, the rights and privileges of children born in lawful wedlock.

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 the said Catharine Hines, John, Mary, Barbara, Ann and Martha Hart, shall have and enjoy all the rights and privileges 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.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 49.

AN ACT

Authorizing Francis Patrick Kenrick to convey to Michael O'Connor certain properties, for the uses and trusts therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Certain lands, tenements and other property, being within this commonwealth, have been heretofore conveyed to the Right Reverend Henry Conwell, late the Roman Catholic bishop of Philadelphia, and his successors; and also unto the Right Reverend Francis P. Kenrick, the now bishop of Philadelphia, and his successors, upon the trust, express or implied, to hold and transmit the same to the successors of either of them, for the use and benefit of various religious congregations of Roman Catholics, and for the religious, charitable and literary purposes of such congregations: *And whereas*, Since the making of the said conveyances, the said bishopric of Philadelphia has been divided, and the Right Reverend Michael O'Connor has been appointed bishop of Pittsburg, which bishopric includes the western parts of the state, and is entitled in equity and justice, to such of the said lands, tenements and other property, as be therein: *And whereas*, Doubts have arisen whether the said the Right Reverend Francis P. Kenrick, the

now bishop of Philadelphia, can well and sufficiently convey such lands, tenements and other property, to the said the Right Reverend Michael O'Connor, now bishop of Pittsburg, and his successors, and also whether the successors of the said Francis P. Kenrick, bishop of Philadelphia, and Michael O'Connor, bishop of Pittsburg, can take and hold the legal title of, and to the portions of the same which respectively belong to them: *And whereas*, By the thirty-second section of an act of the general assembly, passed on the second day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-two, entitled "An Act annexing the counties of Schuylkill, &c., &c.," it was enacted that it should be lawful for any religious society or denomination within this commonwealth, to purchase, take, receive and hold, by deed, grant, gift or otherwise, lands or tenements, for certain religious, charitable and literary purposes, as therein specified, and to have and to hold the same according to the respective rules and disciplinary regulations of such religious society; therefore,

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 all gifts, grants, deeds, wills and other conveyances, wherein or whereby any lands, tenements or other property within this commonwealth, have been or hereafter may be given, devised or granted, or in any manner conveyed by any person or persons whatever, unto any person, by name, style and title of Roman Catholic bishop of Philadelphia, and his successors, or Roman Catholic bishop of Pittsburg, and his successors, upon the trust, express or implied, to take, hold and receive the same for the use and benefit of any religious congregation of Roman Catholics, or for the support, aid or maintenance of any hospital, almshouse, seminary, church or parsonage, or other religious or charitable purpose within this commonwealth, are hereby confirmed, and declared to be good, sufficient and effectual in law, to vest the legal title or estate in fee simple, of, in and to the said lands and tenements, and other property in such grantee or devisee, being at the time Roman Catholic bishop of Philadelphia or of Pittsburg; and in such persons as shall be in future the successors of the same, as Roman Catholic bishops of Philadelphia or Pittsburg, for ever, and in no other person or persons whatever: *Provided however*, That nothing in this act shall be taken or construed, to give or grant, to the said Roman Catholic bishops or their successors, the right to hold real estate in trust for any religious society, except for charitable, religious and literary purposes, as provided for by the above cited act.

Certain trusts confirmed.

Proviso.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.