

No. 209.

AN ACT

To Confirm the Title to certain Real Estate situate in the District of Kensington,
in the county of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Alexander H. Smith and wife, by indenture dated Preamble. the eighth day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, recorded in deed-book G W C, number eighty-five, page three hundred and fourteen, et cetera, did grant and convey unto the Second Associate Congregation of Philadelphia, their successors and assigns, all that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the east side of Delaware Front street, at the distance of one hundred and fifty-seven feet northward from the north side of Jefferson street, in the district of Kensington, in the county of Philadelphia, containing in front or breadth, on the said Front street, seventy feet, and extending in length or depth, eastward of that width on the north line thereof, one hundred and thirty-one feet four inches, and on the south line thereof, one hundred and twenty-three feet ten and one-fourth inches, bounded northward by ground of Alexander H. Smith, southward, partly by ground of Joseph L. Moss, and partly by ground of Alexander H. Smith, eastward by ground of Benjamin Butterfield, and westward by Front street, reserving out of the said lot of ground the yearly ground rent of one hundred and eighty-four dollars:

And whereas, The said the Second Associate congregation of Philadelphia, by indenture dated the seventh day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, recorded in deed book T H, number twenty-three, page one hundred and sixty-eight, et cetera, did grant and convey unto James Irwin in fee, all that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the east side of Delaware Front street, at the distance of two hundred and twenty-five feet northward from the north side of Jefferson street, in the district of Kensington, in the county of Philadelphia, containing in front or breadth, on the said Front street, two feet, and extending of that width eastward forty-eight feet, bounded northward by ground now or late of Alexander H. Smith, southward and eastward by other ground belonging to the Second Associate congregation of Philadelphia, and westward by Front street:

And whereas, The said the Second Associate congregation of Philadelphia, by indenture dated the seventeenth day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, recorded in deed book T H, number twenty-four, page five, granted and conveyed unto Robert Sloan in fee, all that lot of ground situate on the east side of Front street, at the distance of two hundred and five feet northward from the north side of Jefferson street, in the district of Kensington aforesaid, containing in front or breadth, on the said Front street, twenty feet, and extending in length or depth eastward, of that width, forty-eight feet, bounded northward by ground granted to James Irwin, southward and eastward by ground belonging to the Second Associate congregation of Philadelphia, and westward by the said Front

street, reserving a yearly ground rent or sum of twenty-five dollars :

And whereas, The said the Second Associate congregation of Philadelphia, by indenture dated the twenty-seventh day of December, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, recorded in deed book T H, number fifty, page three hundred and ninety-seven, et cetera, did grant and convey unto John C. Harvey in fee, all that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the east side of Delaware Front street, at the distance of one hundred and fifty-seven feet northward from the north side of Jefferson street, in the district of Kensington aforesaid, containing in front or breadth, on the said Front street, twenty feet, and extending in length or depth eastward, of that width, forty-eight feet, bounded northward and eastward by ground belonging to the Second Associate congregation of Philadelphia, southward, partly by ground of Joseph L. Moss, and partly by ground of Alexander H. Smith, and westward by Front street, reserving thereout the yearly ground rent of twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents :

And whereas, Doubts have arisen in respect to the power of the said the Second Associate congregation of Philadelphia to convey the said lots of ground, and it is proper that the title to the same should be confirmed ; therefore,

Statute of mortmain not to effect certain title.

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 nothing in any statute of mortmain, or any other statute or law of this Commonwealth relating to corporations, or any other law whatsoever, shall be held or deemed to impair, or in anywise to affect the title of the said James Irwin, Robert Sloan and John C. Harvey, of and in the lots of ground severally conveyed to them as above recited, but the same shall be held by them, the said James Irwin, Robert Sloan and John C. Harvey respectively, as above granted to them, their heirs and assigns, with the same effect, to all intents and purposes, as if the said, the Second Associate congregation of Philadelphia had, at the time of receiving and executing the conveyances aforesaid, full power and authority, under their charter, to hold and convey the same.

Release

SECTION 2. That the said the Second Associate congregation of Philadelphia shall have power, on receiving the principal and interest of the above mentioned yearly ground rent or either of them, to execute a release and extinguishment of the ground rent reserved, as above recited, to the said Robert Sloan and John C. Harvey, their heirs or assigns, owners of the lots of ground aforesaid.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.