

west branch of Susquehanna to where Peter Awartz formerly lived, thence down the same to the mouth of Buffalo creek, thence across the west branch of Susquehanna by James Stedman's a direct line to where William Reed lives on Chileisquaque creek, thence up said creek to the district line, and thence along said line to the place of beginning, shall be called the eighth district in the county of Northumberland, and the freemen of said district shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by William Gallagher in the town of Milton, anything contained in the act entitled "An act to regulate elections of this commonwealth"¹ to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Section XII.] (Section XII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Rye township, and that part of Greenwood township which lies south of the Fall's hill, in the county of Cumberland, shall be and is hereby erected into a separate election district, and the qualified electors residing therein shall meet and hold their general elections at the Union school house in the town of Petersburg in the township aforesaid.

¹Chapter 1618.

¹Passed September 13, 1785, Chapter 1175.

Passed March 21, 1797. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 162, etc.

CHAPTER MCMXXXIV.

AN ACT TO RELEASE ALL CLAIMS, ON THE PART OF THE COMMONWEALTH, TO CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE MANOR, OR REPUTED MANOR, OF MASKE, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK.

Whereas an act passed the twenty-seventh day of November, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, entitled, "An act for vesting the estates of the late proprietaries of Pennsylvania in this commonwealth,"¹ wherein, among other things, it is provided that all and every the private estates, lands and hereditaments of any of the said proprietaries, whereof

they are now possessed, or to which they are now entitled, in their private several right or capacity by devise, purchase or descent, and likewise all the lands called and duly surveyed and returned into the land office, on or before the fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, together with the quit, or other, rents and arrearages of rents, reserved out of the said proprietary tenths or manors, or any part or parts thereof which have been sold, be confirmed, ratified and established forever, according to such estate or estates therein, and under such limitations, uses and trusts, as, in and by the several reservations, grants and conveyances thereof are directed and appointed :

And whereas a certain tract of land, in the county of York, was heretofore surveyed under the name of "The Manor of Maske," and the survey thereof returned into the office of the surveyor general before the fourth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six :

And whereas certain citizens had settled themselves, and made improvements, on the said lands comprehended within the lines of the said manor of Maske, antecedently to the warrant issuing for the survey of the same, and without notice that any such measure was in contemplation :

And whereas doubts have, on this account, arisen whether the said survey was regular, and the said settlers and inhabitants, in whose favor the said exceptions might have been urged, have waived the same, and have agreed, or are in treaty with, and ready to conclude a purchase from John Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, in whom the estate of the late proprietaries is vested, on terms satisfactory to themselves, and have, for these reasons, by their petition requested a release of all claim to the said lands by the commonwealth :

[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, to remove any uneasiness in the minds of the said inhabitants, from an apprehension that the commonwealth may claim the said land under the said act above recited, to encourage agriculture and improvement by rendering

titles free from dispute, and to remove any prejudice that may subsist against the rights that may be derived from the late proprietaries of Pennsylvania to the said lands, or reputed manor or Maske, in the month of January, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six, shall be deemed free and clear of any claim by this commonwealth under the said act, and all right, title, interest, claim and demand of this commonwealth, to the whole and every part of the said tract included within the said boundary lines, is hereby remised, released and quit claimed to the several and respective persons therein settled, their heirs and assigns forever, according to their several and respective rights. Provided nevertheless, That this act shall not be considered as exercising any right or claim to the said lands, nor as entitling the settlers thereon to claim from the commonwealth any compensation or indemnity in case the said settlers shall be evicted and removed therefrom, by any person or persons not claiming under this commonwealth.

¹Passed November 27, 1779, Chapter 874.

Passed March 23, 1797. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 168, etc.

CHAPTER MCMXXXV.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE ACT ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DISTRIBUTING THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND CERTAIN LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND FOR REPRINTING THE PROVINCIAL AND STATE LAWS," PASSED PRIOR TO THE SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE.¹

[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 secretary of the commonwealth be, and he is hereby, required to deliver to the clerk of the senate, thirty-two copies of such of the laws of this common-

¹Passed March 22, 1793, Chapter 1666.