

## CHAPTER XXII.

*An ACT for the Relief of the Children of John Maxwell, deceased.*

**W**HEREAS it is represented to the Legislature, that John Maxwell, late of Cærnarvon township, Lancaster county, yeoman, died intestate, anno domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, seized in his demesne as of fee, of, in and to a certain messuage, tenement and tract of land, situate in the township and county aforesaid, adjoining lands of Edward Davis, Christian Hartzler and David Jenkins, containing about sixty-six acres, leaving neither widow nor lawful issue, brothers nor sisters, nor any known heirs; but leaving a woman named Isabella, with whom he intermarried when under the disability of a prior marriage, and by whom he had six children, *to wit*: John, Margaret, Martha, Mary, Sarah and Isabella; all of whom, except Margaret, were born after the death of his first wife: And whereas it is presumed that the said landed estate has escheated to the Commonwealth, for want of known heirs of the said John Maxwell, and also that the said children, although not the lawful, were the reputed heirs of John Maxwell, and living with him at the time of his death, would, in all probability, have enjoyed his estate had he died testate: And whereas it would seem peculiarly severe if, under these circumstances, the said children should be forever excluded from the enjoyment of said estate, by an escheat to the Commonwealth: 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*

*hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That all and every the right, title, interest, claim and demand which this Commonwealth may have acquired by reason of any escheat, or supposed escheat, for want of heirs or known kindred of the said John Maxwell, deceased, of, into and out of the said real estate whereof the said John Maxwell died seized, shall be and the same hereby are vested in all the aforesaid children of the said John Maxwell, to be had and held by them, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, as tenants in common, forever; subject nevertheless to the satisfaction and payment of all lawful liens, debts, claims and demands whatsoever.

The estate of John Maxwell, deceased, supposed to have escheated to the Commonwealth, vested in his children.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker.*  
*of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*  
*of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

## CHAPTER XXIII.

*An ACT for raising, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for removing the Obstructions and improving the Navigation of the River Susquebanna, and certain Branches thereof.*

Section 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly