

state of New-Jersey, and considered as parts and parcels thereof; and that all other islands within the said river between the falls of Trenton and the state of Delaware, which are not herein before particularly enumerated, shall be hereafter deemed and considered as parts and parcels of the state, which such island doth lie nearest at the date hereof; and that all islands which may hereafter be formed within the said river, shall be classed and annexed to the jurisdiction of either state, according to the same principle. 1783.

Fourthly. That this present agreement, and every article and clause therein contained, shall be suspended, and take no effect, until each of the legislatures of the state of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, respectively, shall have passed laws approving of and ratifying the same, which being done, the said agreement shall then be considered as a joint compact between the said states and the citizens thereof, respectively, and be for ever thereafter irrevocable by either of the said contracting states, without the concurrence of the other.

In witness whereof, we, the commissioners of the aforesaid states, have set our hands and seals to two instruments of the agreement, one for each state, dated this twenty-sixth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Abraham Clark,	(L. S.)	George Bryan,	(L. S.)
Joseph Cooper,	(L. S.)	George Gray,	(L. S.)
Thomas Henderson,	(L. S.)	William Bingham,	(L. S.)

SECT. II. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the aforesaid agreement, and every article, clause, matter and thing, therein contained, shall be, and the same is hereby, fully and amply ratified and confirmed, and shall be, and ever hereafter remain, in force, agreeably to the true tenor and extent thereof. The agreement ratified and confirmed.

Passed 20th September, 1783.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. page 151.

CHAPTER MXXIX.

A further SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled "An act for acknowledging and recording of deeds." (q)

SECT. I. WHEREAS, in and by an act of General Assembly of the late province of Pennsylvania, now in force within this commonwealth, entitled "An act for acknowledging and recording of

(q) See the original act, and various other acts respecting the acknowledging and recording of deeds, passed the 24th of February, 1770, by which the conveyances executed by femes covert are regulated; the 18th of March, 1775, by which additional general provisions are made on the subject; the 8th of April, 1785, by which acknowledgments and probates of deeds of lands in any part of the state, made before the Presidents of the courts of Common Pleas, are declared to be as valid and effectual, as if done before a Judge of the Supreme Court; and the act of the 30th of September, 1791, by

which the Mayor and Recorder of the city of Philadelphia, the Master of the Rolls, and the Justices of the Peace, are empowered to take proofs or acknowledgments of all instruments of writing, in the same manner as Justices of the Peace, and Justices of the Common Pleas, might or could have done, by virtue of the several acts of the 28th of May, 1770, the 18th of March, 1775, and the 24th of February, 1779. For a particular reference to all the laws for regulating the acknowledgment and recording of deeds, see chap. 208, and the note there subjoined, ante. vol. I. page 94. (*Note to former edition.*)

1783. deeds," passed the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and fifteen, it is provided, that no deed or mortgage, or defeasible deeds in the nature of mortgages, thereafter to be made, should be good or sufficient to convey or pass any freehold or inheritance, or to grant any estate therein for life or years, unless such deed be acknowledged or proved, and recorded, within six months after the date thereof, where such lands lie.

SECT. II. And whereas the interruptions of the war, the expiring of the proper officers' commissions by the late revolution, the invasion of the enemy, and other causes, may have prevented many mortgages, or defeasible deeds in nature of mortgages, made and executed between the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and the eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, from being acknowledged or proved, and recorded, within the times limited by the said act, whereby many of the citizens of this commonwealth may lose their just demands, unless provision be made by law to prevent the same :

SECT. III. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That all mortgages, and defeasible deeds in nature of mortgages, of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, within this commonwealth, made and executed at any time or times between the said first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and the said eighteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, which hath or have, at any time or times since the date or dates thereof, been acknowledged or proved, and recorded, or which shall, within six months from and after the passing of this act, be acknowledged or proved, and recorded, in the manner directed in and by the said recited act, shall be as good and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes (except as herein after is provided,) as if the same had been acknowledged or proved and recorded, within the time limited in and by the said recited act.

SECT. IV. *Provided always nevertheless,* That nothing in this act contained shall extend to, or be deemed or construed to operate against, any subsequent judgment, statute, recognizance, attainder, forfeiture or lien, whatsoever, or against any subsequent *bona fide* mortgagee or mortgagees, purchaser or purchasers, of any estate, lands, tenements or hereditaments, mentioned or contained in any such prior deed or mortgage, or defeasible deed in nature of a mortgage, who shall have taken such subsequent mortgage, or made such subsequent purchase, before such prior mortgage, or defeasible deed in nature of a mortgage, was or shall be acknowledged or proved and recorded, agreeable to the directions of this act.

Passed 23d September, 1783.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. page 165.

CHAPTER MXXX.

An ACT for incorporating St. Paul's church, in the city of Philadelphia.

Passed 23d September, 1783.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. page 167.

Mortgages, &c. made between January 1, 1776, and June 18, 1778, upon being recorded within six months made valid.

Provision in favour of bona fide mortgagees and purchasers.