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Waynesburgh, until a court-house is built, after which they shall hold their said elections at the court-house; and that the qualified electors residing in Cumberland township, in the said county, shall in future hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Philip Kitcham, in said township.

Additional
election dis-
trict in
Northamp-
ton county,

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the qualified electors residing within that part of Northampton county, which is bounded as follows, beginning in the boundary line between Pennsylvania and New-York, at the north-east corner of the county of Luzerne, thence south along the same thirty-six miles, thence north forty-five degrees east, until it strikes the Delaware river, thence up the same to the New-York line, thence along the same to the place of beginning, shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Elijah Dix, in the said district.

The eighth
election dis-
trict of
Northumber-
land erected.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the township of Washington as belongs to the county of Northumberland, and that part of the township of White Deer, running along the White Deer mountain, to the little Spruce run, thence down the same to Matthew Laird's plantation; and from thence to the west branch of Susquehanna, to where Peter Swartz formerly lived; thence down the same to the mouth of Buffaloe creek: thence across the west branch of Susquehanna by James Stedman's, a direct line to where William Reed lives, on Chilisquaque 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 the said district shall hold their general elections at the house occupied by William Gallagher, in the town of Milton, any thing contained in the act, entitled "An Act to regulate elections of this commonwealth," to the contrary notwithstanding.

Rye, and
part of
Greenwood,
in Cumber-
land, erected
into a new
district.

SECT. XII. *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 Rye township aforesaid.

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CHAPTER MDCCCXXIII.

An ACT to release all claims, on the part of the commonwealth, to certain lands within the Manor, or reputed Manor, of Muske, in the county of York.

WHEREAS an act passed the twenty-seventh day of November, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, entitled "An Act for vesting the estates of the late proprietaries of Pennsylvania in this commonwealth," 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 known by the name of "The proprietary tenths or manors," which were 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 for ever, according to such estate or estates therein, and under such limitations, uses and trusts, as in and by the several and respective 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 favour the said exceptions might have been urged, have waved 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.

SECT. I. *Be it therefore 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, that the lands within the lines marked by the survey of the said Manor, or reputed Manor of 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 thereon 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.

Release, on behalf of the commonwealth, as to all lands in the Manor of Maske.

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