

As to Sections V and VI, see the Acts of Assembly passed January 22, 1774, Chapter 695; June 19, 1777, Chapter 761; November 26, 1779, Chapter 870; March 2, 1780, Chapter 883; September 23, 1780, Chapter 919; April 13, 1782, Chapter 975; December 9, 1783, Chapter 1063; March 19, 1789, Chapter 1400; March 27, 1790, Chapter 1494; February 26, 1791, Chapter 1529; April 10, 1799, Chapter 2073; January 25, 1816, P. L. 11; January 14, 1817, P. L. 17; March 20, 1818, P. L. 206; April 2, 1821, P. L. 259; April 2, 1822, P. L. 218; March 29, 1824, P. L. 169; April 1, 1826, P. L. 163; April 8, 1842, P. L. 256; March 3, 1843, P. L. 26; February 24, 1847, P. L. 164; April 9, 1859, P. L. 435; April 27, 1864, P. L. 639; May 19, 1871, P. L. 270; March 25, 1873, P. L. 405; June 26, 1873, P. L. (1874) 332; June 13, 1874, P. L. 283.

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## CHAPTER CCCIX.

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AN ACT FOR THE BETTER ENABLING DIVERS INHABITANTS OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA TO HOLD LANDS, AND TO INVEST THEM WITH THE PRIVILEGES OF NATURAL-BORN SUBJECTS OF THE SAID PROVINCE.<sup>1</sup>

Whereas by the encouragement given by the Honorable William Penn, Esquire, late proprietary and governor of the province of Pennsylvania, and by the permission of his late Majesty, King George the First, of blessed memory, and his predecessors, Kings and Queens of England, &c., divers Protestants who were subjects to the Emperor of Germany, a prince in amity with the Crown of Great Britain, transported themselves and estates into the province of Pennsylvania between the years one thousand seven hundred and one thousand seven hundred and eighteen, and since they came hither have contributed very much to the enlargement of the British Empire and to the raising and improving sundry commodities fit for the markets of Europe, and have always behaved themselves religiously and peaceably, and have paid a due regard and obedience to the laws and government of this province.

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<sup>1</sup> The commissioners are aware that numerous inaccuracies of spelling in the names in this and other similar acts, most of which are purely phonetic, occur. But after consultation with several experts in such matters they deem it wise to adhere strictly to the text of the original roll, without attempting to suggest any corrections.

And whereas many of the said persons, to wit, Martyn Mylin, Hans Graaf, Christian Stoneman, Jacob Funk, Francis Neiff, Francis Neiff, Junior; George Kindick, John Burkholder, John Burkholder, Junior; Abraham Burkholder, Michael Bohman, John Hess, John Frederick, Christopher Preniman, Martin Harnist, Joseph Buckwalter, Felix Landas, Junior; Adam Preniman, John Funk, John Bohman, John Taylor, Henry Neiff, Michael Mire, Henry Bare, Peter Bumgarner, Melcor Huford, Melcor Erishman, John Brubaker, Jacob Nisley, Jacob Snevely, Jacob Goot, John Woolslegle, Jacob Mire, Christopher Sowers, Joseph Stoneman, Daniel Ashleman, Christian Peelman, John Henry Neiff, John Henry Neiff, Junior; Abraham Hare, John Ferie, Jacob Biere, Peter Yordea, Peter Leamen, John Jacob Snevely, Isaac Coffman, Andrew Coffman, Woolrick Rodte, Henry Funk, Roody Mire, John Mylin, Jacob Bheme, John Coffman, Michael Doneder, Charles Christopher, Andrew Shults, John Howser, Christian Preniman, Jacob Miller, black; Henry Carpenter, Emanuel Carpenter, Gabriel Carpenter, Daniel Herman, Christian Herman, Philip Fiere, Matthias Slaremaker, big John Shank, Jacob Churts, Jacob Snevely, Junior; John Woolrick Houver, John Croyder, John Leeghte, John Hampher, Martyn Graaf, Peter Smith, Peter Newcomat, Jacob Bare, Junior; John Henry Bare, Jacob Weaver, Henry Weaver, John Weaver, David Longanickar, George Weaver, Abraham Mire, Woolrick Houser, John Mire, Henry Musselman, Michael Shank, Jacob Miller, Jacob Miller, Junior; Martin Miller, Peter Aybe, Hans Goot, Christian Staner, John Jacob Light, Adam Brand, Christopher Franciscus, Caspar Loughman, Frederick Stay, John Line, John Shwope, Bastian Royer, Jonas Lerow, Simeon King, John Aybe and Everard Ream, all of Lancaster county in the said province; and John Negley, Bernard Ressor, John Wistor, John Frederick Ax, John Philip Bohm, Anthony Yerkhas and Herman Yerkhas, of the county of Philadelphia in the same province, in demonstration of their affection and zeal for his present Majesty's person and government, qualified themselves by taking the qualification and subscribing the declaration directed to be taken and subscribed by the several acts of Par-

liament made for the security of His Majesty's person and government and for preventing the dangers which may happen by Popish recusants, &c., and thereupon have humbly signified to the governor and the representatives of the freemen of this province, in general assembly met, that they have purchased [and do hold] lands of the proprietary and others His Majesty's subjects within this province, and have likewise represented their great desire of being made partakers of those privileges which the natural-born subjects of Great Britain do enjoy within this province, and it being just and reasonable that those persons who have *bona fide* purchased lands and who have given such testimony of their affection and obedience to the Crown of Great Britain should as well be secured in the enjoyment of their estates as encouraged in their laudable affection to and zeal for the English constitution:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable Patrick Gordon, Esquire, [Lieutenant-] Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, &c., by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That Martyn Mylin, Hans Graaf, Christian Stoneman, Jacob Funk, Francis Neiff, Francis Neiff, Junior; George Kindick, John Burkholder, John Burkholder, Junior; Abraham Burkholder, Michael Bohman, John Hess, John Frederick, Christopher Preniman, Martin Harnist, Joseph Buckwalter, Felix Landas, Junior; Adam Preniman, John Funk, John Bohman, John Taylor, Henry Neiff, Michael Mire, Henry Bare, Peter Bumgarner, Melcor Hufford, Melcor Erishman, John Brubaker, Jacob Nisley, Jacob Snevely, Jacob Goot, John Woolslegle, Jacob Mire, Christopher Sowers, Joseph Stoneman, Daniel Ashleman, Christian Peelman, John Henry Neiff, John Henry Neiff, Junior; Abraham Hare, John Ferie, Jacob Biere, Peter Yordea, Peter Leamon, John Jacob Snevely, Isaac Coffman, Andrew Coffman, Woolrick Rodte, Henry Funk, Roody Mire, John Mylin, Jacob Bhome, John Coffman, Michael Doneder, Charles Christopher, Andrew Shults, John Howser, Christian Preniman, Jacob Miller, black; Henry Carpenter, Emanuel Carpenter, Gabriel Carpenter, Daniel Herman, Christian Herman, Philip Fiere, Mathias Slaremaker, big John

Shank, Jacob Churts, Jacob Snevely, Junior; John Woolrick Houver, John Croyder, John Leeghte, John Hampher, Martyn Graaf, Peter Smith, Peter Newcomat, Jacob Bare, Junior; John Henry Bare, Jacob Weaver, Henry Weaver, John Weaver, David Longanickar, George Weaver, Abraham Mire, Woolrick Houser, John Mire, Henry Musselman, Michael Shank, Jacob Miller, Jacob Miller, Junior; Martin Miller, Peter Aybe, Hans Goot, Christian Staner, John Jacob Light, Adam Brand, Christopher Franciscus, Caspar Loughman, Frederick Stay, John Line, John Shwope, Bastian Royer, Jonas Lerow, Simeon King, John Aybe, Everard Ream, John Negley, Bernard Ressor, John Wister, John Frederick Ax, John Philip Bohm, Anthony Yerkhas and Herman Yerkhas be and shall be to all intents and purposes deemed, taken and esteemed His Majesty's natural-born subjects of this province of Pennsylvania as if they and each of them had been born within the said province, and shall and may and every of them shall and may within this province take, receive, enjoy and be entitled to all rights, privileges and advantages of natural-born subjects as fully to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever as any of His Majesty's natural-born subjects of this province can, do or ought to enjoy by virtue of their being His Majesty's natural-born subjects of His Majesty's said province of Pennsylvania.

Passed February 14, 1729-30. Apparently never considered by the Crown, but allowed to become a law by lapse of time, in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Volume III, Appendix V, Section I.

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## CHAPTER CCOX.

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AN ACT FOR LENDING THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED POUNDS IN BILLS OF CREDIT FOR BUILDING A PRISON AND COURT-HOUSE IN LANCASTER COUNTY, &c.

Whereas by an act of assembly of this province the upper parts of the county of Chester are erected into a county and called by the name of Lancaster county. And whereas it is rep-