

CHAPTER DLXXXVIII.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA TO RECEIVE INTO HIS CUSTODY THE ANCIENT BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE CORPORATION OF GERMANTOWN.

Whereas the late Honorable William Penn, Esquire, proprietary of this province, by his charter bearing date the twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine, did incorporate divers persons therein mentioned by the name of "The Bailiff, Burgesses and Commonalty of Germantown, in the County of Philadelphia, in the Province of Pennsylvania," and among other powers and authorities grant unto the said corporation a right to hold courts of record:

And whereas the said persons did assume on themselves and exercise the said powers and authorities and held the said courts of record until the year one thousand seven hundred and seven, and afterwards and ever since have altogether ceased from the exercise thereof or of any of them:

And whereas during the exercise of the said powers and authorities divers judgments given and orders and regulations made in pursuance thereof were entered on record, and sundry deeds, conveyances and other writings were recorded in the books of the said corporations, and it is expedient and necessary for the benefit and security of the persons whose interest and estates are concerned in the preservation of the said records that they should be deposited in the care of a proper officer legally authorized to give exemplifications and copies thereof:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania and counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex upon Delaware, by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of

the same, That the said books shall immediately after the publication hereof be deposited in the office for recording of deeds in the county of Philadelphia; and the record or entry of any such judgment, order or regulation and of all deeds, conveyances and other writings in the same books contained or exemplifications or copies thereof, being examined by the recorder of deeds for the city and county of Philadelphia and certified under his hand and seal of office, which he is hereby enjoined to put and affix thereto, shall be allowed, deemed and taken and are hereby declared to be as good evidence and as valid and effectual in law as the originals themselves, and the same may be pleaded, given in evidence and made use of accordingly.

Passed February 18, 1769. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, February 26, 1770, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXVII, Sections I and II.

CHAPTER DLXXXIX.

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE OF CURTIS GRUBB, OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, IRON-MASTER, WITH ANN HIS WIFE, LATE ANN FEW, AND TO ENABLE HIM TO MARRY AGAIN.

Whereas it hath been represented and appears to the assembly of this province that in September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, Curtis Grubb, being before that time married to a certain Ann Few, sailed from America to Europe and continued absent until the latter end of the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, that the said Ann, his wife, remained during the time aforesaid in the said province, and in the month of February, in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine, she, the said Ann, was delivered of a spurious issue of her body, begotten and born during the absence of her said husband and was guilty of adultery on her part:

And whereas also it appears to the said assembly that on the eighteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand