

deemed, taken or reputed to be the lawful issue of the said George Keehmle on the body of the said Elizabeth begotten.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Elizabeth shall be and is hereby barred and excluded of and from all dower and thirds and of and from all right and title of dower and thirds in, to or out of the lands, tenements, hereditaments and personal estate of the said George Keehmle.

[Section IV.] Provided always nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act nor anything therein contained shall deprive or prevent the said George Keehmle from commencing, suing or prosecuting any action or actions, suit or suits, against the said John Clark for or by reason of the adultery or fornication aforesaid, or for any damages sustained by the said George Keehmle by reason thereof, but that such action or actions, suit or suits, now sued or hereafter to be sued, may be sued and prosecuted in like manner as if this act had not been made, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Passed March 21, 1772. Repealed by the King in Council, April 27, 1773. See Appendix XXX.

CHAPTER DOLXIV.

AN ACT FOR CONFIRMING THE ESTATES OF JOHN PAWLING, JOSEPH PAWLING, ABRAHAM SAHLER, PETER REIMER, BERNARD KEPLER AND ANDREW HEIZER IN AND TO CERTAIN LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Whereas by patent from the Honorable William Penn, Esquire, late proprietary of this province, bearing date the thirteenth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and one, a certain tract of land described by the bounds and limits following, viz.: Beginning at a marked hickory sapling, thence northwest five hundred and sixty-seven perches to a post for a corner, thence southwest four hundred and eighty perches to a post

near a black oak tree, thence southeast along the township road five hundred and sixty-seven perches to a corner marked white oak tree, thence northeast four hundred and eighty perches to the place of beginning, containing one thousand seven hundred acres of land, was granted to a certain William Harmer in fee, and by another patent from the proprietary commissioners of property dated the twenty-second day of July, one thousand seven hundred and thirteen, eighty-five acres more were granted to the said William Harmer in fee, by virtue of which the said William Harmer was seized in fee of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five acres of land now situate in Perkiomen and Skippack township in the county of Philadelphia:

And whereas the said William Harmer and Ruth, his wife, by deed dated the ninth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and thirteen, granted twelve hundred and eighty-five acres, part of the said one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, to Solomon and Philip Dubois in fee as joint tenants, which said Solomon Dubois by release dated the thirteenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighteen-nineteen, released to the said Philip Dubois the northwesternmost part of the said twelve hundred and eighty-five acres, according to a division, survey and draft thereof referred to in the said release recorded at Ulster in the Province of New York, in Book C, page 29, which said Philip Dubois by deed dated the thirteenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighteen-nineteen, granted one moiety of his said moiety to Daniel Dubois in fee:

And whereas the same Philip Dubois and Daniel Dubois, the third day of August, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-four, granted and conveyed the said northwesterly moiety of the said twelve hundred and eighty-five acres in fee to Abraham Dubois, which said Abraham Dubois by deed dated the second day of November, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-four, granted the same westerly moiety to John Pawling and Isaac Dubois as joint tenants:

And whereas John Pawling, Joseph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler and Andrew Heizer are now seized and possessed of the said northwesterly moiety of the

said twelve hundred and eighty-five acres of land under the title of the said John Pawling and Isaac Dubois:

And whereas the aforesaid deed from Philip Dubois and Daniel Dubois to Abraham Dubois and the said deed from the said Abraham to the said John Pawling and Isaac Dubois have been by some accident torn and defaced, therefore the said John Pawling, Joseph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler and Andrew Heizer, in order to prevent the damages and mischiefs which may arise from the tearing and defacing of the said deeds, most humbly pray that it may be enacted:

[Section I.] And be it enacted by the Honorable Richard Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, 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 Philip Dubois and his heirs, Daniel Dubois and his heirs and Abraham Dubois and his heirs, and all and every other person and persons claiming or to claim any estate, right, title or interest of, in or to the said tract of land, hereditaments and premises granted as aforesaid by the said Philip Dubois and Daniel Dubois to the said Abraham Dubois, or by, from or under the heirs of the said Abraham Dubois (saving and excepting all person and persons lawfully claiming or to claim under the said Philip Dubois, Daniel Dubois and Abraham Dubois by and in virtue of the said defaced and torn deeds), and his and their and every of their heirs and all and every person and persons claiming under them or either of them (saving and excepting as aforesaid) shall be and are hereby declared to be barred and forever excluded of and from all such claim, right, title and interest, and that the said premises shall be vested in the heirs, devisees or assigns of the said John Pawling and Isaac Dubois from and after the publication hereof, fully and absolutely freed, exonerated and discharged of and from all such claims, rights or titles to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and also saving to all and every other person and persons, bodies politic and corporate, their respective heirs, successors, executors and

administrators (other than the person and persons claiming as aforesaid under the said Philip Dubois, Daniel Dubois and Abraham Dubois under the said defaced deeds) all such estates, rights, titles, interests, claims and demands of, in to or out of the above mentioned premises by this act vested in the heirs, devisees or assigns of the said John Pawling and Isaac Dubois forever as aforesaid as they or any of them had before the passing of this act or could or might have had or enjoyed in case this act had never been made.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the recorder of deeds of and for the county of Philadelphia shall when thereto required enter on record so much of the said defaced and torn deeds as remains legible for the benefit of all persons claiming or to claim under them or either of them.

Passed March 21, 1772. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, January 15, 1773, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXX.

CHAPTER DCLXV.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE OWNERS OF THE LANDS CALLED THE PIGEON SWAMP IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRISTOL IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, TO DIG, MAINTAIN AND KEEP OPEN A DITCH THROUGH THE SAID SWAMP AND TO RAISE MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSE THEREOF.

Whereas it hath been represented to the assembly of this province by the petition of sundry owners of lands on both sides of the swamp commonly called "The Pigeon Swamp" in the township of Bristol in the county of Bucks that a valuable piece of meadow ground remains useless both to the owners of the said ground and to the public for want of proper persons being legally empowered to dig or make such a ditch or drain as is necessary for draining the said swamp and to repair and clear such a ditch or drain when it may afterwards be necessary and