

declared to be to all intents and purposes free and fully able to trade, traffic, load, freight and transport all and all manner of goods, wares and merchandises not by law prohibited to be imported or exported as if he was a natural subject of the King of Great Britain, born in this province; and is also hereby adjudged able and capable to all intents and purposes to take, receive, have, hold and enjoy all and all manner of lands, tenements, hereditaments and real estate by purchase or gift of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate whatsoever, and to sue, prosecute, maintain, avow and justify all and all manner of actions, suits and causes whatsoever, and to have, hold and enjoy all and every the rights, liberties, privileges, advantages, benefits and immunities belonging to His Majesty's liege people and natural subjects born within this Province as lawfully, fully and freely as if he had been born a natural subject within this province, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed March 21, 1772. Repealed by the King in Council, May 19, 1773. See Appendix XXX.

CHAPTER DCLXVIII.

AN ACT FOR CONFIRMING THE ESTATE OF ADAM SIMON KUHN IN AND TO A CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON IN THE BOROUGH OF LANCASTER, ONE OF THE TITLE DEEDS WHEREOF IS LOST.

Whereas James Hamilton, Esquire, by deed dated the fourth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six, granted a certain lot of ground known by the number three, situate, lying and being in the town of Lancaster, containing in breadth on King's street sixty-four feet four inches and an half, and in length two hundred and forty-five feet, to a fourteen feet alley, bounded to the north by the said street, easterly by a lot of Samuel Bethel, southwardly by the said alley and westwardly by a lot of Mary Dunning, under certain rents and cove-

nants therein expressed and reserved, unto a certain Henry Bostler; that the said Henry Bostler by deed dated the fourth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six, granted and conveyed the same lot of ground unto a certain Frederick Struble, who by deed dated the seventeenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight, granted and conveyed the same to Ludowick Stone, now of the borough aforesaid; that by several mesne conveyances and orders of the orphans' courts, the premises are now vested in and are in the possession of the said Adam Simon Kuhn:

And whereas the said deed from Frederick Struble to Ludowick Stone is by some accident lost and cannot be found, therefore the said Adam Simon Kuhn, in order to prevent the damages and mischiefs which may arise from the loss of the said deed, most humbly prays 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 Frederick Struble 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 hereinbefore described by, from or under him, them or any or either of them (except the said Adam Simon Kuhn and his heirs and assigns), 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 said Adam Simon Kuhn, his heirs and assigns, from and after the publication hereof, fully and absolutely freed, exonerated and discharged of and from all such claims, rights and titles to all intents and purposes whatsoever, saving to all and every other person and persons, bodies politic and corporate, their respective heirs, successors, executors and administrators (other than the said Frederick Struble, his heirs and assigns), all such estates, rights, titles, interests, claims and demands of, in, to and out of the above mentioned premises vested by this act

in the said Adam Simon Kuhn, his heirs and assigns, 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.

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 DCLXIX.

AN ACT FOR PREVENTION OF FRAUDS AND PERJURIES.

For prevention of fraudulent practices, perjuries and subornation of perjuries:

[Section I.] 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 from and after the tenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, all leases, estates, interests of freehold or term of years, or any uncertain interest of, in or out of any messuages, manors, lands, tenements or hereditaments made or created by livery and seisin only, or by parol and not put in writing and signed by the parties so making or creating the same or their agents thereunto lawfully authorized by writing, shall have the force and effect of leases or estates at will only, and shall not, either in law or equity, be deemed or taken to have any other or greater force or effect, any consideration for making any such parol leases or estates or any former law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, except nevertheless all leases not exceeding the term of three years from the making thereof. And moreover, that no leases,