

cient, which shall come to their hands from the effects so assigned, nor for any debt due to any distant or absent creditor to whom notice shall not have been given pursuant to the directions of this act.

[Section IV.] Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the said William Judd, John Onions, Michael Jordan and William Sanders, respectively, shall upon any indictment for taking a false and corrupt oath or affirmation in any matter or thing contained in the said oath or affirmation be convicted by his own confession or by the verdict of twelve men, he shall suffer all the pains, penalties and disabilities which by law may be inflicted on persons convicted of willful and corrupt perjury, and shall likewise be liable to be arrested, taken and imprisoned upon any process *de novo* and charged in execution for the same debt in the same manner as if he had never been in execution or discharged before, and shall forever after be barred of any benefit of this act.

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CHAPTER DCCXXII.

AN ACT FOR CONFIRMING THE ESTATE OF ANDREW HERSHEY, IN AND TO CERTAIN LANDS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DONEGAL IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

Whereas it appears by virtue of a certain order of James Logan, Esquire, late secretary of the land office and one of the commissioners of property under the honorable proprietaries, there was surveyed unto Peter Allen on the fifth of November, one thousand seven hundred and twenty, a certain tract of land situate on Shickasolungo Creek, then in Chester but now in Lancaster county, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a hickory tree at a corner of James Mitchell's land and extending thence by the same southwest and by west two hundred and seventy-two perches to a black oak; thence south

thirty-six degrees east one hundred and forty-two perches, part thereof by John Stuart's and part by John Ross's land, to a post; thence northeast and by east two hundred and seventy-two perches, part thereof by the said John Ross's and part by land in possession of Jane Stuart, to a post; thence north thirty-six degrees west by the aforesaid James Mitchell's land one hundred and forty-two perches to the place of beginning, containing two hundred acres and allowance of six acres per hundred for roads and highways; that the said Peter Allen sold and conveyed the said tract of land unto the Reverend James Anderson, now deceased; that the said James Anderson sold and conveyed the same tract of land to William Wilkins; that after the death of the said William Wilkins a certain Nathaniel Lytel intermarried with Janet Wilkins, the widow and relict of the said William; that the said Nathaniel, having accounted for the said lands as personal estate, on the sixth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven, took out a warrant and obtained [on] the nineteenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight, a patent for the same; that the said Nathaniel by his last will and testament devised the said tract of land to his son, John Lytel; that the said John Lytel suffered one common recovery thereof in the supreme court of this province in order to bar the issue in tail and vest the title thereof solely in himself; that the said John Lytel, in order to quiet and remove all disputes respecting the title of the said tract of land, purchased and obtained for a considerable sum of money a release from the said Janet Lytel (formerly widow of the said William Wilkins) and James Wilkins, son and heir at law of the same William, all their right and claim to the said tract of land; that the said John Lytel, thus seized of the said tract of land, on the twelfth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, sold the same to the aforesaid Andrew Hershey in consideration of sixteen hundred pounds, the sum of one thousand pounds, part of which, hath been paid by the said Andrew Hershey, who by agreement was to retain six hundred pounds until all doubt about the title should be removed; that doubts have arisen, as the bills of sale or deeds from Peter Allen to James Anderson and from said James Anderson to William Wil-

kins are by some accident lost, and the said John Lytel is a languishing prisoner in the gaol of Lancaster county for debt which he is unable to pay until he shall receive the said six hundred pounds from the said Andrew Hershey. Therefore the said John Lytel, to prevent any mischiefs that may arise from the loss of the said deeds and to enable him to receive the residue of the purchase money from the said Andrew Hershey to pay his just debts and relieve his person from imprisonment, most humbly prays that it may be enacted:

[Section I.] And be it enacted by the Honorable John Penn, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the consent and advice of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the said Peter Allen and his heirs and the said James Anderson 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 and premises hereinbefore described by, from or under them or either or any of them (except the said Andrew Hershey and his heirs and assigns) shall be and are hereby declared to be barred and forever excluded of and from all such claims, rights, titles or interests; and that the said premises shall be vested in the said Andrew Hershey, his heirs and assigns, 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. Saving to all and every other person and persons, bodies politic and corporate, their respective heirs, successors, executors and administrators, all such estates, rights, titles, claims and demands of, in, to and out of the above mentioned premises vested by this act in the said Andrew Hershey, 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.

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