

permit the onus probandi so far as regards the said permit shall lie on the defendant.

[Section VI.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force until the first day of September next, and no longer.

Passed October 6, 1779. See the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed January 2, 1778, Chapter 779; November 17, 1778, Chapter 817. The act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 22, 1780, Chapter 904.

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## CHAPTER DCCCLVII.

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### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND CONFIRM THE ESTATE OF THOMAS BEANS IN SEVERAL LANDS AND TENEMENTS IN THIS STATE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Thomas Beans of Abington township in the county of Philadelphia, yeoman, hath represented to the general assembly of this commonwealth that he is seized and possessed of one messuage or tenement and tract of land containing one hundred and forty-five acres of land in Abington township aforesaid, which he purchased of Henry Shisler and wife bounded by lands of Richard Wilton, the township line or road between Abington and lower Dublin, lands of William Roberts, Thomas King and Moses Vancourt and by Pennypack creek: One hundred and twelve acres and a half in Southampton township in the county of Bucks, purchased of Elizabeth Fletcher, bounded by lands of the Baptist meeting house of Daniel Hoogland and Wilhelmus Cornell, by the street road and lands of Stephen Watts and Charles Garrison; and two hundred acres and fifty-two perches of land in Warminster township, Bucks county purchased of Thomas Dungan and wife; bounded by the middle of the said road opposite to the lands of Thomas Cravan, John Brooks and Giles Craven; by another road opposite to lands of Joseph Hart, and by lands of Jonathan Walton and Thomas Dungan:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas at the time of the British invasion of this state, the said Thomas Beans with the intention of providing for the safety of his title deeds, buried the same under ground from whence they have come out much defaced, and in many material places rendered illegible, as upon the view and examination thereof has appeared to a committee of this house: And the said Thomas Beans has humbly prayed for the aid of the legislature to establish by law his right and title to the lands and tenements he is in possession of under the aforesaid deeds, notwithstanding the defect and imperfection of the same, and has complied with the directions of the general assembly by giving public notice of his said application in one of the English and in one of the German newspapers printed in the city of Philadelphia:

[Section I.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the messuages, lands and tenements aforesaid, to-wit, the messuage or tenement and one hundred and forty-five acres of land in Abington; the messuage or tenement and one hundred and twelve and a half acres of land in Southampton; and the messuage or tenement and two hundred acres and fifty-two perches of land in Warminster, with the appurtenances respectively, are and shall be vested in the said Thomas Beans and his heirs: And that the said Thomas Beans and his heirs now do stand and from and after the publication of this act shall stand seized of the said premises and of every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances, to and for the only use and behoof of the said Thomas Beans, his heirs and assigns forever: Subject to such quit rents or other rents, estates and encumbrances as are or may be legally charged on the same, or any part or parcel thereof: And that all persons having and claiming any estate of property and inheritance in the same premises or any part or parcel thereof shall, within the space of one year from the publication of this act make their claim by bringing a real action or ejectment against the said Thomas Beans, his heirs or assigns, or the tenant or occupiers of the said lands or otherwise from all future claims shall be ex-

cluded and forever debarred, except feme covert, persons under age, imprisoned or beyond the seas who shall make their claim within one year after the said incapacities shall be removed or otherwise they shall be debarred as aforesaid.

Passed October 8, 1779.

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## CHAPTER DCCCLVIII.

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### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND CONFIRM THE ESTATE OF JOHN SOMMERS IN SEVERAL LANDS AND TENEMENTS IN THIS STATE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas John Sommers of the manor of Moreland in the county of Philadelphia, yeoman, hath represented to the general assembly of this commonwealth that he is seised and possessed of sundry lands and tenements in the said manor of Moreland, bounded as followeth, viz.: Ninety-two acres thereof adjoining Samuel Swift, William Walton, Jonathan Wilson, a road to Newtown and Henry Walton's land; about seven acres part thereof at a place called Smithfield, adjoining the said Newtown road and lands of John Britain and Isaac Comely; one acre and twenty-two perches of land adjoining the road to the Crooked Billet by the said Newtown road and the said John Britain; and eighty-two perches of land adjoining the said Henry Walton and John Dorley:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas at the time of the British invasion of this state, the said John Somers with the intention of providing for the safety of his title deeds, buried the same under ground, from whence they have come out much defaced and in many material places rendered illegible, as upon the view and examination thereof has appeared to a committee of this house:

(Section III, P. L.) And the said John Sommers has humbly prayed for the aid of the legislature to establish by law his right and title to the lands and tenements he is in possession of under the aforesaid deeds notwithstanding the aforesaid defects and