

of the sheriff or jailor of the county of his having delivered such deserter into his custody, to the lieutenant of the county, or such other officer or officers, whose duty it may be to superintend the appeals held on the calls of the militia when it would have been otherwise the turn of such person to have served.

Passed September 29, 1781.

CHAPTER CMLII.

AN ACT TO VEST THE TITLE OF A MESSUAGE AND LOT OF GROUND
IN THE TOWN OF LISBURN IN JOHN RANKIN, ESQUIRE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, John Rankin, esquire, of York county, hath presented a petition to this house, setting forth that a house and lot, in the town of Lisburn, in the county of Cumberland, was heretofore taken in execution as the estate of a certain Richard Carson, and in due form of law struck off and sold to James Rankin, and the consideration money by him paid to the sheriff; that the said Richard Carson held the possession of the said messuage and lot of ground, with the consent of the said James Rankin and afterwards paid and satisfied him for the money by him advanced to the sheriff; that the petitioner, with the knowledge and at the request of the said James Rankin, contracted verbally with the said Richard Carson for the premises, and afterwards paid him the full price agreed upon and obtained possession of the said premises. That soon after the petitioner, together with said James Rankin, went to Carlisle and employed a conveyancer to procure a sheriff's deed for the premises to the said John Rankin. That afterwards the said James Rankin joined the enemy at Philadelphia, and was thereupon attainted of high treason, previous to which the conveyancer aforesaid, had procured a sheriff's deed for the premises in the name of James Rankin, duly acknowledged in court and recorded, and there-

upon prayed the house would permit him to bring in a bill to vest the title of the premises in the petitioner:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 lot of ground aforesaid, with the buildings and appurtenances, situate, lying and being in the town of Lisburn, in the county of Cumberland, containing, in front, on a street in the general plan of the said town, called Main street, one hundred and thirteen feet, and in depth on the westward side, three hundred and seventy-five feet to Yellow Breeches creek, and in depth on the eastward side two hundred and forty feet, be, and the same is hereby vested in the said John Rankin, his heirs and assigns, to be held by him, the said John Rankin, his heirs and assigns forever, subject to the same rents and conditions that the said Richard Carson formerly held the same, any law, custom or usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Passed September 29, 1781. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 458, etc.

CHAPTER CMLIII.

AN ACT TO GIVE RELIEF TO CERTAIN PERSONS TAKING REFUGE IN THIS STATE WITH RESPECT TO THEIR SLAVES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas many virtuous citizens of America and inhabitants of states that have been invaded are obliged, by the power of the enemy, to take refuge in this state:

And whereas, it is just and necessary that the property of such persons should be protected:

[Section I.] Be it therefore 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 all and every person and persons, under the above description, now residing in this state, or who hereafter