

missioners, to be used and accounted for as they are directed to use and account for the other moneys appropriated to raise and support the said armament.

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CHAPTER CMLXXXV.

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AN ACT TO EMPOWER ELIZABETH ALLEN, WIDOW OF JAMES ALLEN, ESQUIRE, DECEASED DURING THE MINORITY OF HER INFANT SON JAMES, TO GRANT AND CONVEY SUNDRY LOTS OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, IN THIS STATE, TO SUCH PERSONS AS HAVE BUILT OR SHALL AGREE TO BUILD HOUSES ON THE SAME.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, James Allen, late owner of the town of Northampton, in his lifetime contracted with sundry persons to build houses in the said town, and that he or his heirs should grant to them and their heirs on certain fee farm rent, such lot or lots of land as they should build upon or improve:

And whereas, upon the faith of such contracts made with the said James Allen, sundry persons have built houses and others are willing and desirous to improve and build in the said town on the terms and conditions on which the other inhabitants thereof have built:

And whereas, the said James Allen, by his last will and testament did devise the tract of land on which the said town of Northampton is laid out unto his son James, now an infant about four years old, and the income of the said town to his wife Elizabeth, until the said James should arrive, at the age of sixteen years, but appointed no person who during the minority of his said son should confirm his contract with the inhabitants of the said town, and by deed grant to them the fee of the lands which they had improved agreeable to their contracts; and to make further contracts with the people for the improvement of the said town, by which omission the improve-

ment and increase of a strong frontier town is stopped in its course and the interest as well of the said infant as of the good people who have bona fide built and improved on sundry of the town lots is likely to suffer:

And whereas the said Elizabeth Allen has humbly prayed the aid of the legislatures in the premises:

[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 from and after the passing of this act it shall be lawful to and for the said Elizabeth Allen, as guardian of the said infant, James Allen, and in case of her decease to and for such guardian and guardian as the orphans' court of the county of Philadelphia shall appoint for the said James during his minority, by deed under the hand and seal of the said Elizabeth Allen, or of such other guardian or guardians to be appointed as aforesaid, to grant, bargain and sell, release and confirm such lots of land in the said town of Northampton as have been heretofore disposed of by the said testator, James Allen, on condition to build on and to pay a yearly ground rent for the same unto the person and person to whom the said testator has disposed of such lot or lots and to his or their heirs and assigns forever, under the conditions and rents aforesaid. And also to contract with any other person or persons for the building on and improving of any such other lots in the said town of Northampton as have not been disposed of as aforesaid, and upon their compliance with the terms of their contract by such deed or deeds as aforesaid, to confirm to them and their heirs the fee simple and inheritance of the premises, always reserving a yearly ground rent not less than for any of the town lots of the like situation has been formerly reserved to and for the said James Allen, the son of the said Elizabeth, his heirs and assigns forever.

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