

eration money therein mentioned should have his title established and confirmed.

[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 above described messuage and plantation or tract of land with the appurtenances are and shall be vested in the said Joshua Russell and his heirs; and that the said Joshua Russell and his heirs now do stand and from and after the publication of this act shall stand seized of the above mentioned premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances to and for the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Joshua Russell, his heirs and assigns forever, in the manner and to all intents and purposes as if the said Archibald Morrison, Junior, had executed a deed in due form of law to the said Joshua Russell his heirs and assigns to the only use benefit and behoof of the said Joshua Russell his heirs and assigns forever.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Provided always, That the said Joshua Russell and his heirs shall hold the above described messuage and plantation under and subject to such quit rents, or other rents, estates and incumbrances, as are or may be, legally charged on the same or any part or parcel thereof.

Passed September 23, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 174, etc.

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## CHAPTER MXLV.

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AN ACT TO GRANT THE RIGHT OF PRE-EMPTION TO AN ISLAND, KNOWN BY THE NAME OF MONTOUR'S ISLAND, IN THE OHIO RIVER, IN BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM IRVINE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Brigadier General William Irvine during his separate command at Pittsburg, hath rendered essential service to this state particularly the frontier settlements thereof, in consideration whereof,

[Section I.] (Section II, 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 island situated in the Ohio river below Pittsburgh known by the name of Montour's island and every part thereof be and the same is hereby granted unto the said William Irvine in fee, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns forever; subject to such purchase money as a future house of assembly may direct.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supreme executive council be and they hereby are empowered to direct the surveyor general of this state at the proper cost and charge of the said William Irvine to lay out the said island and cause it to be returned into the office for confirmation.

[Section III. (Section IV, P. L.) Provided always, That nothing in this act shall be taken or deemed to bar any person or persons their heirs or assigns who may have obtained any just and lawful right to the said island or any part thereof before the passing of this act.

Passed September 24, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 176, etc. See the Act of Assembly passed March 28, 1799, Chapter 2036.

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## CHAPTER MXLVI.

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AN ACT FOR THE AFFORDING INDEMNITY TO THOMAS HUTCHINS, ESQUIRE, FORMERLY A CAPTAIN AND ENGINEER IN HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SERVICE, AND NOW GEOGRAPHER TO THE UNITED STATES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by a memorial from Thomas Hutchins, esquire, formerly a captain and engineer in his Britannic Majesty's service and now geographer to the United States, it appears that whilst he acted in the former character at the British port of Pensacola and settled the public account of that department, he, not being supplied with money, gave the artificers