

[Section I.] (Section III, 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 said house and lot of ground bounded as aforesaid with the hereditaments and appurtenances aforesaid, are and shall be vested in the said Richard Gardiner his heirs and assigns and that the said Richard Gardiner and his heirs no wdo stand and from 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 proper use and behoof of the said Richard Gardiner has been and assigns forever, as effectually in law and equity to all intents and purposes as if the said deed from the said Phoebe Hawkins to the said Sarah Gardiner had not been lost; and that the title of the said Richard Gardiner to the said house and lot shall not be anywise prejudiced, or impeached in any court of law or equity, for or by reason of the loss of the said deed, or for want of producing the same; subject nevertheless, to such quit-rents, estates and encumbrances, as are, or may be legally charged on the same, or any part or parcel thereof.

Passed March 11, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 234, etc.

CHAPTER MLXX.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND CONFIRM THE ESTATE OF HENRY GURNEY IN CERTAIN MESSUAGES, TENEMENTS AND LOTS OF LAND, SITUATED AND BEING WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Henry Gurney of the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, did, at the time the British troops were approaching the city of Philadelphia, bury in the ground a trunk containing his title deeds and other valuable writings for their safety, which not being sufficiently secured from dampness and moisture, the following deeds relating to the titles of estates belonging to and in the possession of

the said Henry Gurney are thereby materially damaged and in a great measure destroyed: That is to say, one deed from Thomas England and Matthew Bellis, bearing date the tenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred, granting unto Thomas Taylor, his heirs and assigns, a lot of ground situated on the north side of Chestnut street in the city of Philadelphia, between the Fourth and Fifth streets from Delaware, bounded on the west by ground now of the said Henry Gurney, and on the east by a lot late of Matthew Drason, deceased, and containing in front on Chestnut street thirty feet, and in depth one hundred and seventy-eight feet; one other deed from Thomas Taylor bearing date the fourth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and two, granting and conveying the same premises unto Thomas Wharton, his heirs and assigns; one other deed from Thomas Wharton bearing date the fifth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and three, granting and conveying the same premises unto John Hart, his heirs and assigns; and one other deed from William Parr, esquire, sheriff of Philadelphia county bearing date on or about the fifteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six, granting and conveying the same premises, by him taken in execution and sold at the suit of George Moore against Albertus Shochlear, administrator of John Mills, unto John Ross, esquire, his heirs and assigns, which said lot of ground is now in the tenure of James Wilson, esquire; also deeds of lease and release from Benjamin Morgan, bearing date respectively the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth days of April, one thousand seven hundred and forty-four, granting and conveying unto Evan Morgan, his heirs and assigns, the easternmost moiety of a certain forty foot lot of ground situated on the west side of the above described premises, and extending in depth from Chestnut street one hundred and seventy-eight feet; and one deed from Evan Morgan, John Ross and Catherine Morgan, executors of the last will of the said Benjamin Morgan, bearing date the ninth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, granting and conveying unto Nathaniel Allen, his heirs and assigns, the westernmost moiety of the said forty feet lot; and one deed from Nathaniel Allen bearing date the tenth day of February, one

thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, granting and conveying unto Evan Morgan, his heirs and assigns the said westernmost moiety of the said lot of ground; and one deed from Evan Morgan bearing date the twelfth day of January, one thousand and seven hundred and sixty-three, granting and conveying unto John Ross, esquire, his heirs and assigns the whole of the said forty feet lot, which said lot with the mansion house and buildings thereon erected is now in the tenure of the said James Wilson, esquire; also one deed bearing date the third day of December, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-one, from Richard Sewell, esquire, sheriff of Philadelphia county, granting and conveying unto Thomas Lawrence, his heirs and assigns, a message and lot, situated on the south side of Apple tree alley in the city of Philadelphia, lying between the lots late of John Knowles, deceased, and John Nicholas Cresman, being fifteen feet in front and extending sixty feet back to other ground of the said Henry Gurney, and now in possession of the Widow Pyles; and one deed of uncertain date, the same being from Thomas Lawrence, granting and conveying the same premises unto John Ross, esquire, his heirs and assigns: also one deed bearing date the twenty-seventh day of March, one thousand seven hundred and nineteen, from Anthony Morris, granting and conveying unto George Coats, his heirs and assigns, a lot of ground situated on the east side of Second street, between High and Mulberry streets in the said city, containing in front nineteen feet three inches, and in depth one hundred feet, and which is bounded on the north by the message and lot of the Widow Elfrith, and on the south by a message and lot of the said Henry Gurney, now in the tenure of Martha Scott, reserving a ground rent of three pounds sterling yearly forever; also a deed of uncertain date, the same being defaced, from George Coats, granting and conveying unto Thomas Masters, his heirs and assigns the same described lot; also a deed of uncertain date, the same being defaced, from Joseph Pidgeon granting and conveying unto Thomas Masters, his heirs and assigns, a lot of ground situated on the west side of Turner's lane, now called Chancery lane in the said city, containing thirty-one feet in front, on the said lane and sixty-six feet nine

inches in depth to the back end of the last afore described lot and now bounded on the south by a lot of William Craig, and on the north by ground late of Anthony Morris; also a deed bearing date the twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-two, from Samuel Appowen and Hannah his wife (late Hannah Cox) granting and conveying unto John Ross, esquire, his heirs and assigns the afore described lots on Second street and Turner's or Chancery lane with the messuage and buildings thereon, which premises are all in the tenure of James Thomson; also deeds of lease and release bearing date respectively the twenty-eight and twenty-ninth days of September, one thousand and seven hundred and twenty-two from Francis Rawle and Martha his wife, granting and conveying unto John Heap, his heirs and assigns a lot of ground on the east side of Second street, now bounded on the south by the said William Craig's ground, on the east partly by the said Craig's ground, and partly by the back end of said lot, on Turner's or Chancery lane, and on the north by the afore described Second street lot of the said Henry Gurney, and containing in breadth twenty feet and in depth one hundred feet, reserving a rent of six pounds silver money yearly forever; which lot with the messuage and buildings thereon are now in the tenure of Martha Scott; also one deed from Owen Owen, esquire, sheriff of Philadelphia county bearing date the sixth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven, granting and conveying the said lot of ground and premises unto Richard Hill, esquire, his heirs and assigns forever, the same being taken in execution and sold as the estate of the said John Heap, at the suit of the trustees of the general loan office; also one deed bearing date on or about the fifth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, from Samuel Preston Moore, esquire, and Hannah his wife, granting and conveying the said lot of ground and premises unto John Ross, esquire, his heirs and assigns forever; also one deed bearing date on or about the fourth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, from Nicholas Scull, esquire, sheriff of Philadelphia county, granting and conveying unto James Boyden, his heirs and assigns forty-three acres and an half and twenty perches of land,

situated in Oxford township in the said county, adjoining the river Delaware and the lands of James Bingham, Jacob Hall, Thomas Kent and others, late the estate of Arthur Jones, deceased, taken in execution and sold at the suit of William Allen, esquire, against John Evans and Griffith Jones, executors of the last will of the said Arthur Jones; also one deed bearing date the tenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, from Richard Sewell, esquire, sheriff of the said county, granting and conveying unto Jacob Hall, his heirs and assigns the above mentioned forty-three acres, and an half and twenty perches of land taken in execution at the suit of William Jackson against Robert Greenway, executor of the last will of the said James Boyden; also one deed bearing date the eleventh day of March, one thousand seven hundred and forty-nine, from the said Jacob Hall granting and conveying unto John Ross, esquire; the same premises, which premises are now in the tenure of James Glen; also one deed, of uncertain date, from William Hayes unto John Ross, esquire, for a lot [of ground] in Kensington, in the county of Philadelphia, containing in breadth on Warren street twenty feet and in depth sixty feet, bounded southward by Warren street, northeastward with ground of Jacob Miller, and northward and southward with ground of William Ball, esquire, and now in the tenure of the said William Ball, esquire:

(Section II, P. L.) And the said Henry Gurney hath therefore prayed for the aid of the legislature to establish the said deeds and confirm his titles so far as the same deeds relate thereto:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas this house did, on the sixth day of February last, give leave to the said Henry Gurney to bring in a bill agreeably to the prayer of his petition, he giving notice thereof at least for three weeks in one of the English and one of the German newspapers of this city, and it hath been proved to this house, that notice hath been given accordingly:

[Section I.] (Section IV, 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 said several messuages, lots, lands, tenements and hereditaments with their and

every of their appurtenances, are and shall be vested in the said Henry Gurney, his heirs and assigns, and that the said Henry Gurney 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 appurtenance to and for the proper use and behoof of the said Henry Gurney, his heirs and assigns forever, as effectually in law and equity to all intents and purposes as if the said several deeds herein, or meant or mentioned to be herein recited, or any of them had not been damaged, defaced or destroyed, and that the title of the said Henry Gurney to all and every part and parcel of the said messuages, lots, lands, tenements and hereditaments with the appurtenances, shall not be anywise prejudiced or impeached in any court of law or equity for or by reason of the loss or destruction of the said deeds or any of them or for want of producing the same; subject nevertheless to such rents, estates and encumbrances as are or may be legally charged on the same or any part or parcel thereof.

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CHAPTER MLXXI.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC FERRY OVER THE YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER, AND FOR VESTING THE RIGHT IN JOHN SUMRALL, HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas John Sumrall hath, by petition, presented to this house, represented, that for many years past he hath kept a ferry over the Youghioghenny river, at his plantation; and that a good and well conducted ferry at that place would be a public benefit; therefore prayed, that his ferry might be established by a law, and the right vested in him, his heirs and assigns.

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the