

preciation certificates aforesaid of whatever nature or kind which from and after the first day of April which will be in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven shall remain unclaimed and not taken out shall be deemed and considered as escheats to the commonwealth in like manner and to like effect as if the several persons who are or were entitled to the same certificates were dead without kindred and that within two months from and after the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven the comptroller-general shall form an accurate list of all the unclaimed certificates which then remain as aforesaid in his hands and likewise another list of all such as have been claimed (if any such there be) and shall transmit the same together with the same certificates to the president or vice president in council, and the president or vice president in council shall thereupon order that an indorsement be made on each of the certificates aforesaid which shall not have been claimed in order to render them of no use to any person whatever, and if the claims that shall then be pending upon any of the same certificates shall be afterwards determined against the particular claimant the like indorsement shall be likewise made thereon and the aforesaid lists shall be filed in the office of the secretary of the executive council.

Passed March 25, 1786. Recorded L. B: No. 3, p. 98, etc.

CHAPTER MCCXX.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND CONFIRM THE TITLE OF THE ASSIGNS OF NATHANIEL TAYLOR IN A CERTAIN MESSUAGE AND TRACT OF LAND IN ALLEN TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas it has been represented to this general assembly that a certain Nathaniel Taylor, late of Allen township in the county of Northampton, yeoman, deceased, was in his lifetime seized in his demesne as of fee of a certain messuage, plantation and tract of land thereunto belonging with the appurtenances situate in the township and county aforesaid

beginning at a post by Lehigh river, thence east one hundred and seventy-seven perches to a post, thence by land of Robert Clendanin and John Riddle north seven degrees west two hundred and thirty-nine perches to a post, thence by land of John Boyd and John Walker west one hundred and seventy-six perches to a cedar tree on the bank of the said branch, thence down the said river the several courses to the place of beginning, containing two hundred and thirty-three acres of land, be the same more or less, and that the said Nathaniel Taylor so being seized in fee thereof on the twenty-fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty did mortgage the same to the trustees of the general loan office of the then province of Pennsylvania, and in consequence thereof did lodge and deposit his deeds and other evidences of his said title to the messuage, plantation and tract of land aforesaid, with the said trustees and afterwards died without having redeemed the said premises:

And whereas it hath been further represented that the title deeds and other evidences aforesaid have been lost and cannot be found among the papers of the said office, whereby the title of sundry persons claiming a right to the said premises or to some part thereof by, from or under the said Nathaniel Taylor hath become defective, and application hath thereupon been made (by Neigal Gray) to this House to remedy the loss and to support the legal proof of the title of the said persons so become defective as aforesaid.

And whereas public notice hath been given of the said representation and application and no one hath appeared to object to the prayer thereof being granted:

And whereas the facts so set forth appear to be true and the moneys due on the said mortgage have been fully paid and discharged:

Therefore:

[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 all and every person and persons claiming or to claim any estate, title, right or interest in or to

the said message, plantation or tract of land or to any part or parcel thereof with the appurtenances, in law or equity, by devise, conveyance, agreement to convey or otherwise shall hold the same accordingly as they are respectively interested therein in as full and ample a manner in law and equity to all intents and purposes as if the said title deeds had not been lost. And that the title of the said persons or any of them so claiming the said premises with the appurtenances or any part or parcel thereof shall not be impeached in any court of law or equity for or by reason of not producing the said deeds, and that this act shall in all courts of justice in this state be taken and deemed a sufficient proof that the said Nathaniel Taylor was seized of the premises in his demesne as of fee, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed March 27, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 100, etc.

CHAPTER MCCXXI.

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT TO SUPPLY DEFECTS IN THE TITLES TO LANDS OCCASIONED BY THE LOSS OF DEEDS OR WRITINGS RESPECTING THE SAME OR WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN DEFACED OR RENDERED ILLEGIBLE BY TIME OR ACCIDENT.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas many persons have lost their deeds, conveyances and writings relating to their lands, tenements, hereditaments and possessions within this state, particularly during the late war between the United States of America and Great Britain, some of whom at the time of the invasion of this state by the British army buried them under ground with an intention of providing for their safety whereby and from other causes they have been defaced and in many material places rendered illegible:

For remedying of such imperfections, defects and losses:

[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