

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the governor of this commonwealth be enabled to provide for completing the education of John Konkapot, junior, one of the Oneida Indians, at the public expense, provided the whole sum to be expended shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid from time to time, as the same may be necessary for completing the education of the said John Konkapot, junior, to be paid, by warrant drawn by the governor, out of any money that may be in the treasury.

Passed April 11, 1799. Recorded L. B. No. 7, p. 9.

CHAPTER MMLXXXVIII.

AN ACT TO ENABLE ALIENS, IN CERTAIN CASES, TO PURCHASE AND HOLD REAL ESTATES WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for each and every foreigner or foreigners, alien or aliens, not being the subject or subjects of some sovereign, state or power, which is or shall be, at the time or times of such purchase or purchases, at war with the United States of America, to purchase lands, tenements and hereditaments within this commonwealth, and to have and to hold the same in fee simple, or for any lesser estate, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as any natural born citizen or citizens may or can [do]. Provided always nevertheless, That any foreigner or foreigners, alien or aliens, shall, previously to such pur-

chase or purchases, declare his or their intention to become a citizen or citizens, agreeably to the act of congress, entitled, "An act supplementary to, and to amend the act, entitled, 'An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on the subject,'" passed the eighteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any foreigner or foreigners, alien or aliens, who has or have already made any bona fide contract or contracts, or received any patent or patents, or other deed of conveyance, for or on account of the purchase of any lands, tenements or hereditaments within this commonwealth, may and shall take and hold the same in fee simple, or for any lesser estate, according to the nature of his, her or their several and respective contracts, patents or deeds of conveyance, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as any natural born citizen or citizens might or could do, any law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

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CHAPTER MMLXXXIX.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE GOVERNOR OF THIS COMMONWEALTH TO APPOINT COMMISSIONERS, TO ASCERTAIN THE BEST ROUTE FOR, AND MODE OF EFFECTING, A COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE WATERS OF THE DELAWARE AND CHESAPEAKE BAY, AND APPROPRIATING A SUM OF MONEY FOR OPENING THE NAVIGATION OF THE RIVER SUSQUEHANNA DOWN TO THE MARYLAND LINE.

Whereas a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake Bay, and the opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna, would greatly promote the interest of the inhabitants of this and the adjoining states of Maryland and Delaware, and be productive of considerable advantage to the inhabitants of other states, and there is reason to believe the same may be perfected at a very moderate expense, compared with the benefits likely to be experienced therefrom.