

CHAPTER MMCXCVII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE WILLIAM GILLILAND, ALEXANDER RUSSEL, AND SAMUEL COBEAN, TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF IN FEE SIMPLE, THE REAL ESTATE OF JAMES BLACK, A LUNATIC, OR SUCH PARTS THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PAYMENT OF HIS DEBTS AND MAINTENANCE.

Whereas it appears by the proceedings had in the court of common pleas of the county of York, that a certain James Black, now in the county of Adams, has been adjudged a lunatic, and that William Gilliland, Alexander Russell and Samuel Cobean, were by said court, appointed a committee to take care of the person and estate of the said James Black. And whereas the said William Gilliland, Alexander Russel, and Samuel Cobean, have, by their petition, represented to the legislature, that the estate of the said lunatic is incumbered with judgments and other debts, and that it would be more for the interest of the heirs of the said James Black, to sell at least a part of the estate, to liberate the remainder thereof from the pressure of those judgments and debts. Therefore:

[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 it shall and may be lawful for William Gilliland, Alexander Russel, and Samuel Cobean, to sell and convey in fee simple, to any person or persons willing to purchase the same, all the real estate of James Black, a lunatic, or such part or parts thereof as to them may appear proper and necessary, for the use of the said lunatic, and to enable them to pay the debts, and provide for the subsistence and clothing of said lunatic and his family. Provided, That the said William Gilliland, Alexander Russel, and Samuel Cobean, shall, before they proceed to sell or convey any part or parts of the estate of James Black, enter into recognizance with sufficient security,

before the court of common pleas in Adams county, where said estate lies, that all the money arising from the sales authorized by this act shall, after paying the debts, be so disposed of by them, as will be most for the interest of the heirs of the said James Black, a lunatic.

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CHAPTER MMCXCVIII.

AN ACT EMPOWERING THE MINISTERS, VESTRY-MEN AND CHURCH WARDENS OF THE GERMAN LUTHERAN CONGREGATION, IN AND NEAR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, TO CONVEY BY DEED OF GIFT, THE CHURCH AND GLEBE LAND, WITH THE APPURTENANCES, KNOWN BY THE NAME OF BARREN HILL CHURCH, SITUATE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE MARSH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, TO CERTAIN PERSONS THEREIN NAMED.

Whereas the ministers, vestrymen and church wardens of the German Lutheran congregation, in or near the city of Philadelphia, by their memorial, have represented to the legislature, that about the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine, a church or house of worship was built at Barren Hill, in the township of White Marsh, then in the county of Philadelphia, but now in the county of Montgomery, by the German inhabitants of Barren Hill and its neighborhood, professing to be Lutherans, on a piece of land bought of Philip Sharp, and which was afterwards conveyed to the said memorialists, as hereinafter mentioned. That in erecting said church, debts had been incurred to the amount of about seven hundred pounds, which the said congregation at Barren Hill was unable to discharge; that upon the same having been made known to a certain person in Germany, to whom was intrusted the distribution of a certain legacy, bequeathed by Count Solms, to be applied to certain charitable and religious purposes in Pennsylvania, he had directed that the said debts should be discharged out of the said legacy in expectation that the said congregation at Barren Hill would be enabled to