

## CHAPTER MMCCXXIV.

## AN ACT LIMITING THE OPERATION OF CAVEATS ENTERED IN THE LAND OFFICE OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AGAINST THE ISSUING OF PATENTS.

Whereas the provision heretofore made by law for allowing caveats to be entered in the land office of this commonwealth against the issuing of patents, has in many instances produced great inconvenience and embarrassment to warantees and purchasers, as well as delay in completing titles to lands, by suffering the said caveats to remain as a bar for an indefinite length of time without any process had thereon; 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 no caveat or note on survey, now on record or otherwise, either in the office of the secretary, or in the office of the surveyor-general of the land office for this commonwealth, shall continue to bar the issuing of a patent or patents to those, or their legal representatives, against whom such caveat may be entered, during a longer term than two years, from and after the passing of this act, unless the person or persons who has or have entered such caveat or note, or his, her or their legal representative or representatives, or others, holding or claiming the estate, shall within the said term of two years take out a citation and prosecute the same to effect.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no caveat, note on survey, or writing in the nature of a caveat, hereafter to be entered in either of the offices of the land office of this commonwealth, shall continue to bar the issuing of a patent to the person or persons, or his, her or their legal representative or representatives, against whom such caveat may be entered, during a longer period than two years from the entry of such caveat,

in the land office aforesaid; unless the party or parties interested in the land, or his, her or their agent or agents, assignee or assignees, shall within the term aforesaid take out a citation thereon, in order to bring such dispute to a decision, and prosecute the same to effect.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the land office to publish an abstract of this act in one or more of the public newspapers of Philadelphia, Lancaster, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, for the period of six weeks, from and after the passing of this act.

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## CHAPTER MMCCXXV.

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AN ACT TO REPEAL PART OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF ROCK FISH AND OYSTERS." (\*)

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 so much of the act entitled "An act to prevent the destruction of rock fish and oysters," passed the ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one,<sup>(1)</sup> as relates to the offering for sale any rock fish under a certain described size therein mentioned, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

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Note (\*) Chapter 620; 8 Statutes at Large, p. 10 and note. See also Acts of Assembly passed May 4, 1871, P. L. 250; April 10, 1873, P. L. 69; May 2, 1879, P. L. 46; June 2, 1891, P. L. 169; May 29, 1901, P. L. 302.