

CHAPTER MMDXLII.

AN ACT INVESTING IN THE DEVISEES OF JOHN MEREDITH, DECEASED, SUCH PARTS OF THE FORFEITED ESTATE OF THE SAID JOHN MEREDITH AS HAVE NOT BEEN SOLD BY THIS COMMONWEALTH.

Whereas it hath been represented to the Legislature, that a small portion of the estate late of John Meredith, deceased, forfeited by his attainder, hath not been sold on behalf of the commonwealth, and Charles Meredith and others, heirs of the said John Meredith, have prayed that the same may be vested in them: 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 all right, title and interest, property and demand whatsoever, which the commonwealth has; in, to and out of such parts of the estate, real and personal, late of the said John Meredith, forfeited by his attainder aforesaid, as have not been heretofore sold, aliened, or otherwise disposed of, by and on account of the commonwealth, shall be and the same are hereby granted, conveyed, assigned and set over unto the said Charles Meredith and others, devisees of the said John Meredith, forever, as if the attainder of the said John Meredith had never taken place; saving nevertheless unto all other persons their just rights and claims.

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CHAPTER MMDXLIII.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE MODE OF FILLING VACANCIES IN THE REPRESENTATION OF THIS STATE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas it is provided by the second section of the first article of the constitution of the United States, "That when

vacancies happen in the representation from any State, the executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies:" And whereas the fourth section of the said article provides, "That the times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof:" 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 when any vacancy shall happen by death, resignation, or otherwise, in the representation of the people of this state in the House of Representatives of the United States, the governor of this commonwealth shall issue his writ, or writs, to the sheriff, or sheriffs, of the county, or counties, of which the congressional district is composed, commanding such sheriff, or sheriffs, on a certain day therein particularly expressed, to hold an election to supply such vacancy; and such writ or writs, so issued by the governor, shall be delivered to the sheriff or sheriffs to whom the same may be directed, at least twenty days before the day appointed for such election, who shall forthwith give due and public notice thereof throughout the county at least fifteen days before such election, and shall send a copy thereof to one or more of the judges of each election district therein; and such elections shall be holden and conducted in the same manner, and under the care and regulation of the same officers who conducted the next preceding annual election; subject to the same penalties as are or hereafter may be inflicted on delinquent election officers.

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CHAPTER MMDXLIV.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF FREDERICK STOEVER.

Whereas it appears that Henry Spiker, late paymaster of the militia of Berks county, made out a certificate, purport-