

## CHAPTER MMDXLVI.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE CHILDREN OF JOHN MAXWELL,  
DECEASED.

Whereas it is represented to the legislature, that John Maxwell, late of Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, yeoman, died intestate, anno domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, seized in his demesne as of fee, of, in and to a certain messuage, tenement and tract of land, situate in the township and county aforesaid, adjoining lands of Edward Davis, Christian Hartzler and David Jenkins, containing about sixty-six acres, leaving neither widow nor lawful issue, brothers nor sisters, nor any known heirs; but leaving a woman named Isabella, with whom he intermarried when under the disability of a prior marriage, and by whom he had six children, to wit: John, Margaret, Martha, Mary, Sarah and Isabella; all of whom, except Margaret, were born after the death of his first wife: And whereas it is presumed that the said landed estate has escheated to the commonwealth, for want of known heirs of the said John Maxwell, and also the said children, although not the lawful, were the reputed heirs of John Maxwell, and living with him at the time of his death, would, in all probability, have enjoyed his estate had he died testate: And whereas it would seem peculiarly severe if, under these circumstances, the said children should be forever excluded from the enjoyment of said estate, by an escheat to the commonwealth: 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 and every the right, title, interest, claim and demand which this commonwealth may have acquired by reason of any escheat, or supposed escheat, for want of heirs, or known kindred, of the said John Maxwell, deceased, of, into and out of the said real estate whereof the said John Maxwell died seized, shall be and the

same hereby are vested in all the aforesaid children of the said John Maxwell, to be had and held by them, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, as tenants in common, forever; subject nevertheless to the satisfaction and payment of all lawful liens, debts, claims and demands whatsoever.

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## CHAPTER MMDXLVII.

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AN ACT FOR RAISING, BY WAY OF LOTTERY, THE SUM OF TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, FOR REMOVING THE OBSTRUCTIONS AND IMPROVING THE NAVIGATION OF THE RIVER SUSQUEHANNA, AND CERTAIN BRANCHES THEREOF.

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 Thomas Boude, Christian Brenneman, Joseph Poole, John Evans, William P. Beatty, Jacob Strickler, Samuel Bethel, Adam Reigart, junior, William Ferree, Philip Diffenderfer, Michael Gundaker and Leonard Eichholtz, or a majority of them, be, and they are hereby appointed managers, to raise, by way of lottery, by one or more classes, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be applied for removing the obstructions and improving the navigation of the river Susquehanna and its branches; which sum shall be appropriated in the following manner, viz. Five thousand five hundred dollars whereof to be applied in removing the obstructions in said river, from the town of Columbia, in the county of Lancaster, to the mouth of Swatara, in the county of Dauphin: Three thousand three hundred dollars to be applied for like purposes, from Swatara to the mouth of the river Juniata: Three thousand two hundred dollars from the mouth of Juniata aforesaid to the town of Northumberland, in the county of Northumberland: One thousand dollars for like purposes, in the northeast branch of the said river, from the town of Northumberland aforesaid to the head of the Nanticoke rapids, in the county of Luzerne: One thousand dol-