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CHAPTER MMDCXXXI.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE SEVERAL ACTS OF ASSEMBLY OF THIS COM-MONWEALTH, RELATING TO THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OR PROOF OF DEEDS AND OTHER WRITINGS.

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 each of the aldermen of the city of Philadelphia, shall have full power to take and receive the acknowledgment or proof of all deeds, conveyances, mortgages and other instruments of writing, touching or concerning any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, situate, lying, and being within the city and county of Philadelphia; and also power to take and receive the separate examination of any feme covert, touching or concerning her right of dower, or the conveyance of her estate, or right in or to any such lands, tenements, or hereditaments, agreeably to the act of assembly, entitled "An act for the better confirmation of the estates of persons holding or claiming under feme coverts; and for establishing a mode by which husband and wife may hereafter convey their estates," passed on the twentyfourth day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and seventy.⁽¹⁾

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CHAPTER MMDCXXXII.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING JOHN BIDDIS TO VEND HIS PATENT RIGHTS FOR MANUFACTURING POTATO-STARCH, SAGO AND HAIR POWDER, AND FOR OPENING OR REDUCING OFFCAST WOOLEN CLOTHING TO WOOL.

Whereas John Biddis has made a discovery or an important improvement in the art of manufacturing potato-starch, sago, and hair powder, and has invented a machine for opening or