

CHAPTER MMDCXXXI.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE SEVERAL ACTS OF ASSEMBLY OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, 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 twenty-fourth day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and seventy.⁽¹⁾

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Note (1) Chapter 605; 7 Statutes at Large, p. 329.

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

reducing again to wool offcast woolen clothing; the former of which being so simple in the process, that the sale of a single right would make such disclosure as to defeat all the benefits which he has a right to expect: And whereas it is just and reasonable that encouragement should be given for improvements in the useful arts, by securing to the discoverer a reward for his ingenuity and labor: And whereas it is apprehended in the present case that there is danger of incurring the penalty of a law restraining sales by any mode appearing in the form of a lottery: 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 be lawful for John Biddis to vend his aforesaid patent rights, for eighteen months from the date hereof, according to a plan to be by him lodged with, and to be approved of by the governor of this commonwealth; he the said John Biddis giving the necessary sureties for the faithful performance in the premises, and for a full and complete disclosure and exemplification of his patent rights, at the end of the said term of eighteen months, any law to the contrary of this act notwithstanding.

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CHAPTER MMDCXXXIII.

AN ACT ALTERING THE PLACE OF MEETING OF THE RETURN JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COMPOSED OF FAYETTE AND GREENE COUNTIES.

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 whenever an election for a member of congress, or a senator in the state legislature, shall take place in the district composed of the counties of Fayette and Greene, the return judges of said district shall meet at the house now occupied by Henry Jennings, in Ger-