

borough, and all persons holding property therein, (paupers supported by the said borough only excepted), shall be competent witnesses in all actions arising under this act or the bylaws and ordinances of said corporation.

Section XIII. (Section XIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of said borough shall elect a petit constable, two overseers of the poor, an inspector for the general election, assessor, and assistant assessors of county taxes, for the said borough, at such times and under like regulations as are directed by law in other townships within this commonwealth; which said petit constable, overseers of the poor, inspector, assessor, and assistant assessors so elected, shall have, use and exercise all and every the powers, rights and privileges, and be subject to the same penalties and forfeitures within the said borough respectively, which are lawfully used, had, exercised, and which are to be suffered by and imposed on the like officers of the several townships aforesaid.

Section XIV. (Section XIV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this act, he, she or they may appeal to the next court of quarter sessions to be held for the proper county, upon giving security according to law, to prosecute his, her or their appeal with effect, and the court having taken such order therein as shall seem to them just and reasonable the same shall be conclusive against all parties.

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## CHAPTER MMDCLXVII.

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### AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF JOSEPH ROBERT EUSTACHE BUNEL.

Whereas Joseph Robert Eustache Bunel, a native of Pontaudemer, in the late province of Normandy in France, hath represented to the legislature of this commonwealth, that having arrived in this state in the year 1792, with an intention

of residing therein, he, in the month of May, one thousand eight hundred and four, purchased of Jacob Vogdes, a certain plantation and tract of land in the township of Bristol, in the county of Bucks, bounded by land late of Samuel Allen, by land late of Richard Nobell, by land of Thomas Clifford and by the Neshaminy creek, containing by computation two hundred and thirty acres, be and the same more or less; and the said Bunel hath since mortgaged the said estate, (which mortgage with other liens is nearly equal to the whole value thereof), under a persuasion of his possessing all the legal rights and privileges of a citizen of this commonwealth, having sworn and subscribed the oath of allegiance prescribed by an act of the general assembly, passed the thirteenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine,<sup>(1)</sup> in consequence of which he obtained a passport and certificate of citizenship, signed by the mayor of Philadelphia; but the act of Congress passed the twenty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and the adoption of the state constitution having superceded the said act of assembly; the said Bunel's oaths of allegiance taken as aforesaid, did not confer upon him the rights of citizenship, and consequently his title to the aforesaid property is invalid, whereby his creditors are exposed to the hazard of losing the amount of the liens aforesaid; And whereas the said Bunel has made a declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States: 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 the title to the above described real estate with the appurtenances acquired by the said Joseph Robert Eustache Bunel, by the deed of indenture made by him by the above named Jacob Vogdes and Elizabeth his wife, bearing date the twenty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and four, recorded in the office for recording deeds in the county of Bucks, in deed book, number thirty-five, page three hundred and five, shall be deemed and taken to have been firm, valid and effectual in law; and any mortgage or other lien made or granted by the said Bunel,

shall be and remain as firm, valid and effectual in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as it would have been if the said Bunel had been a citizen of the United States at the time he purchased the said real estate, any thing in the act, entitled "An act to enable aliens in certain cases, to purchase and hold real estate within this commonwealth,"<sup>(2)</sup> or in any other act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Note (\*). Chapter 1396. 13 Statutes at Large, p. 222.

Note (\*). Chapter 2088. 16 Statutes at Large, p. 337.

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## CHAPTER MMDCLXVIII.

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERECTION OF A HOUSE FOR THE EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE POOR, IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY.

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 as soon as the debts now owing and due by the county of Montgomery shall have been paid, and the bridges which have been adjudged, by viewers legally appointed for that purpose, necessary for the accommodation of the public shall have been erected, it shall be in the power of the commissioners of the said county, with the consent and approbation of the court of Quarter Sessions and grand jury of the same county, to direct that a house for the employment and support of the poor be erected therein.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That as soon as the said commissioners with the consent of the said court and grand jury, shall have directed the said house to be erected, they shall give notice of such determination to the sheriff of their county; who thereupon shall give notice by public advertisements, that the electors of the said county of Montgomery, shall at the general election next ensuing, and in the manner prescribed for the election of members of the house of representatives