

by the authority of the same, That when any justice of the peace or alderman shall have issued his precept, in case of damage under twenty dollars, if either of the parties shall fail to appear before such justice or alderman on the day to which the said precept is returnable, the justice or alderman having first ascertained, that the precept was regularly served, by the oath or affirmation of the constable serving the same, shall proceed to appoint three reputable citizens; whose duty it shall be to enquire into the truth of the case; and upon view, or otherwise, justly and truly to assess the damages (if any), which the plaintiff may have sustained; and make report thereof to the said justice or alderman in writing, signed by the said referees, or any two of them; and judgment shall be entered, and execution issue for the amount so assessed, with costs as in other cases.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of any act as is by this act altered or supplied, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

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## CHAPTER MMDCXCVII.

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AN ACT TO EMPOWER WILLIAM FLINTHAM, FATHER OF JOHN FLINTHAM, A MINOR, TO SELL AND CONVEY REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO THE SAID MINOR.

Whereas John Flintham, a minor, is entitled to the undivided third part of the following real estate, in fee simple, subject to his father's life estate as tenant by the curtesy, to wit: A certain small tenement and lot of ground, situate on the west side of Fourth street, between High and Chestnut streets, in the city of Philadelphia, subject to a ground rent of four dollars per annum: And whereas it is the interest of the said minor, that all his right and title to the said estate, should be sold; but as he is incapable of making a title for the same, by reason of his minority: 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 William Flintham, father of John Flintham, a minor, to sell and convey all the right, title and interest of the aforesaid minor, in and to the aforesaid real estate, with the appurtenances, situate on the west side of Fourth street, between High and Chestnut streets, in the city of Philadelphia, and make to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and their heirs and assigns, such deed or deeds, as will assure and convey to the said purchaser or purchasers, all the right, title and interest, which the aforesaid minor hath in the premises aforesaid; Provided, the said William Flintham, before he proceeds to sell and convey the same, shall give bond with sufficient surety, to be approved of by the judges of the orphans' court, for the performance of his duty in this particular towards the minor; which bond shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the orphans' court in the county of Philadelphia.

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## CHAPTER MMDCLXCVIII.

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### AN ACT TO REGULATE ARBITRATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS IN COURTS OF JUSTICE.

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 any person or persons, desirous of settling any dispute or controversy, by themselves, their agents or attornies, to enter into an agreement in writing to refer such dispute or controversy to certain persons to be by them mutually chosen; and it shall be the duty of the referees, to make out an award and deliver it to the party in whose favor it shall be made agreeably to the directions of this act, together with the written agree-