

CONSENTING TO THE ACQUISITION OF LAND BY THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

Giving the consent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the acquisition by the United States of America of certain tracts of land in Chester County, Pennsylvania, for use in connection with the Valley Forge General Hospital, and ceding jurisdiction to the United States.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The consent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby granted in accordance with the seventeenth clause, eighth section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States, to the acquisition by the United States of America of two tracts of land lying in the County of Chester, Pennsylvania, for use in connection with a military reservation officially designated Valley Forge General Hospital, the first being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the beginning of the land described in a deed from Richard W. Foster et al., Executors and Trustees under the Will of Frank B. Foster, deceased, to the United States of America dated 22 June 1942, said place of beginning being also at the intersection of the public road leading from Phoenixville to Charlestown Village with the center line of the State Highway leading to Kimberton, and running thence with and binding on the center of the first above mentioned road the two (2) following courses and distances, viz: North 39 degrees 39' East 2265.33 feet and North 40 degrees 30' East 583.18 feet, thence South 47 degrees 17' East, binding on land now or formerly belonging to R. H. Vollmer, 1714.38 feet, thence North 42 degrees 59' East 420 feet, thence south 47 degrees 17' East 1565.85 feet to the center line of Bridge Street, thence South 42 degrees 59' West binding thereon 420 feet to land now or formerly belonging to Luke T. Butt, thence binding on said Butt land the three (3) following courses and distances, viz: North 47 degrees 17' West 210.05 feet, South 42 degrees 59' West 106.10 feet and South 47 degrees 17' East 210.05 feet to the center line of Bridge Street aforesaid, thence with and binding thereon the two (2) following courses and distances, viz: South 42 degrees 59' West 546.55 feet and South 43 degrees 30' West 1287.60 feet to the center line of Kimberton Road above mentioned, and thence with and binding thereon the eight (8) following courses and distances, viz: North 52 degrees 50' West 726.18 feet, North 53 degrees 50' West 527.25 feet, North 40 degrees 33' West 532.70 feet, North 75 degrees 40' 30" West 49.07 feet, South 69 degrees 12' West 320.15 feet, South 89 degrees 08' West 226.2 feet, North 67 degrees 14' West 431.35 feet and North 68 degrees 10' West 626.07 feet to the place of beginning, containing 180 acres of land, more or less.

The second tract of land is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point, which point is North 47 degrees 38' West 35 feet from the end of the center line of the 10 foot easement for a right-of-way for a water line, said place of beginning being the Northwest corner of the herein described land, and running thence South 42 degrees 22' West 200 feet, South 47 degrees 38' East 200 feet, North 42 degrees 22' East 200 feet and North 47 degrees 38' West 200 feet to the place of beginning, containing .918 acre of land, more or less.

Section 2. Exclusive jurisdiction in and over the aforesaid tracts of land is hereby ceded to the United States of America by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dock yards and other needful buildings, to be used by the United States for military and other public purposes, with the exception of roads abutting on said lands which are not already under the jurisdiction of the United States.

Section 3. The jurisdiction so ceded to the United States is granted upon the express condition that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall retain concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over the lands and buildings aforesaid, in so far that civil process in all cases, and such criminal process as may issue under the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against anyone charged with crime committed outside said land, may be executed thereon in the same manner as if this jurisdiction had not been ceded. The United States shall retain such jurisdiction so long as the said land shall be used for the purposes for which jurisdiction is ceded and no longer.

Section 4. The jurisdiction so ceded to the United States shall be upon the further condition that the Commonwealth reserves to itself and its political subdivisions whatever power of taxation it may constitutionally reserve, to levy and collect all taxes now or hereafter imposed by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions upon property, persons, and franchises within the boundaries so ceded.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.