

CONSENTING TO THE ACQUISITION OF LAND BY THE UNITED STATES
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AN ACT

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Giving the consent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the acquisition by the United States of America of approximately three-tenths of an acre of land in the County of Delaware, upon which is erected the Chester Range Front Light, 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 a certain tract of land in Delaware County, upon which is erected the Chester Range Front Light, containing three-tenths (.3) of an acre, more or less, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the pierhead line of the River Delaware as established by the United States Government, said point being forty-two and seventy-five one-hundredths (42.75) feet measured Southeastwardly from a point in the Chester Range, which last mentioned point is at the distance of two thousand, five hundred, six and fifty-three one-hundredths (2506.53) feet measured Southwestwardly from the Chester Range Front Monument and measured at right angles to said Range; thence following the said pierhead line South sixty-four (64) degrees, twenty-seven (27) minutes and forty-seven (47) seconds West one hundred, two and ninety one-hundredths (102.90) feet to a point; thence North thirty-nine (39) degrees, ten (10) minutes and fifty-five (55) seconds West one hundred, eighteen and forty-seven one-hundredths (118.47) feet to a point; thence North fifty (50) degrees, forty-nine (49) minutes and five (5) seconds East one hundred (100) feet to a point; thence South thirty-nine (39) degrees ten (10) minutes and fifty-five (55) seconds East one hundred, forty-two and seventy-five one-hundredths (142.75) feet to the point or place of beginning.

Section 2. Exclusive jurisdiction in and over the aforesaid lands 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, with the exception of roads abutting on said lands to be used by the United States for military and other public purposes, which are not already under the jurisdiction of the United States: And provided further, That the above cession is hereby made contingent upon the United States of America conveying to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania all that tract of land conveyed by the Governor of Pennsylvania to the United States of America as will more fully appear by reference to deed dated October 19, 1917, and recorded in the office for the Recording of Deeds in

and for Delaware County, in Deed Book number 387, page 581: And provided further, That the United States of America will relinquish the cession of jurisdiction therein granted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 3. The jurisdiction so ceded to the United States of America 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 subdivision 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.