

At a General Assembly of the State of CONNECTICUT, holden
at Hartford, on the second Thursday of May, A. D. 1800.

An ACT renouncing the Claims of this State to certain Lands therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, at their session, begun and
holden in the City of Philadelphia, on the first Monday of December, in the
year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-nine, made and passed an Act in
the words following, to wit.

*" An Act to authorize the President of the United States, to accept for the United States a cession of Juris-
" diction of the Territory of Pennsylvania, commonly called, The Western Reserve of Connecticut.*

*" BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress
" assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, to execute and de-
" liver letters patent, in the name and behalf of the United States, to the Governor of the State of Con-
" necticut for the time being, for the use and benefit of the persons holding and claiming under the State
" of Connecticut, their heirs and assigns forever, whereby all the right, title, interest and estate of the
" United States, to the soil of that tract of land, lying west of the west line of Pennsylvania, as claimed
" by the State of Pennsylvania, and as the same has been actually settled, ascertained and run in conform-
" ity to an agreement between the said State of Pennsylvania, and the State of Virginia, and extending
" from said line westward one hundred and twenty statute miles in length, and in breadth, throughout the
" said limits in length, from the completion of the forty-first degree of north latitude, until it comes to
" forty two degrees and two minutes north latitude; including all that territory commonly called the *Wes-*
" *tern Reserve of Connecticut*, and which was excepted by said State of Connecticut out of the cession by
" the said State heretofore made to the United States, and accepted by a resolution of Congress of the
" fourteenth of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, shall be released and conveyed
" as aforesaid to the said Governor of Connecticut and his successors in said office forever, for the purpose
" of quieting the grantees and purchasers under said State of Connecticut, and confirming their titles to
" the soil of said tract of land.*

*" Provided however, That such letters patent shall not be executed and delivered unless the State of
" Connecticut, shall within eight months from passing this act, by a legislative act, renounce forever, for
" the use and benefit of the United States, and of the several individual States, who may be therein con-
" cerned respectively, and of all those deriving claims or titles from them or any of them, all territorial
" and jurisdictional claims whatever, under any grant, charter or charters whatever, to the soil and juris-
" diction of any and all lands whatever lying westward, north-westward and south-westward of those
" counties in the State of Connecticut, which are bounded westwardly by the eastern line of the State of
" New-York, as ascertained by agreement between Connecticut and New-York, in the year one thousand
" seven hundred and thirty-three, excepting only from such renunciation the claim of said State of Con-
" necticut, and of those claiming from or under the said State, to the soil of the said tract of land herein
" described, under the name of the *Western Reserve of Connecticut*.*

*" And passing this act, That the said Agents of said State, duly authorized by the Legislature thereof, ex-
" ecute and deliver to acceptance of the President of the United States, a deed expressly releasing to the
" United States, the jurisdictional claim of the said State of Connecticut, to the said tract of land herein
" described, under the name of the *Western Reserve of Connecticut*, and shall deposit an exemplification
" of said act of renunciation, under the seal of the said State of Connecticut, together with said deed re-
" leasing said jurisdiction, in the office of the Department of State of the United States; which deed
" of cession, when so deposited, shall vest the jurisdiction of said territory in the United States.*

*" Provided, That neither this act, nor any thing contained therein, shall be construed so as in any man-
" ner to draw into question the conclusive settlement of the dispute, between Pennsylvania and Connecti-
" cut, by the decree of the Federal Court at Trenton; nor to impair the right of Pennsylvania, or any
" other State, or of any person or persons, claiming under that or under any other State in any existing
" dispute concerning the right either of soil or of jurisdiction with the State of Connecticut, or with
" any person or persons claiming under the State of Connecticut. And provided also, That nothing herein
" contained, shall be construed in any manner to pledge the United States for the extinguishment of the
" Indian title to the said lands, or further than merely to pass the title of the United States thereto."*

Therefore in consideration of the terms, and in compliance with the provisions
and conditions of the said act:—

*BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives, in general
court assembled, That the State of Connecticut doth hereby renounce forever, for the
use and benefit of the United States, and of the several individual States who may
be therein concerned respectively, and of all those deriving claims or titles from
them or any of them; all territorial and jurisdictional claims whatever under any
grant, charter or charters whatever, to the soil and jurisdiction of any and all lands
whatever, lying westward, north-westward and south-westward of those counties in
the State of Connecticut which are bounded westwardly by the eastern line of the
State of New-York, as ascertained by agreement between Connecticut and New-
York, in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three; excepting only
from this renunciation the claim of said State of Connecticut, and of those claiming
from or under the said State of Connecticut, to the soil of said tract of land in said
act of Congress, described under the name of the *Western Reserve of Connecticut*.*

*And be it further enacted, That the Governor of this State for the time being be,
and hereby is empowered, in the name and behalf of this State, to execute and de-
liver, to the acceptance of the President of the United States, a deed of the form
and tenor, directed by the said act of Congress, expressly releasing to the United
States, the jurisdictional claims of the State of Connecticut to all that territory called
the *Western Reserve of Connecticut*, according to the description thereof in said act of
Congress, and in as full and ample manner as therein is required.*

A true copy of Record.

Examined by
SAMUEL WYLLYS, SECRETARY.