

## CHAPTER V.

*An ACT for the relief of Casper Shaffner.*

**WHEREAS** it appears that Casper Shaffner, of the borough of Lancaster, is possessed in his own right of a new loan certificate, issued under the act of March first, one thousand seven hundred eighty-six, for sixty-nine pounds fourteen shillings, and numbered six thousand seven hundred and fifty-six, which certificate at the time it was redeemable by law, and until lately was mislaid and supposed to be lost, so that the said Casper Shaffner has received no compensation for the same, and it also duly appears that the said certificate has never been redeemed, and justice and good policy require that the debts of the commonwealth be faithfully paid: Therefore,

**SECT. I.** *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 upon the assignment and delivery of the said certificate of new loan, No. 6756, to the commonwealth, by Casper Shaffner, and the certificate of the accounting officers, that the same has been so assigned and delivered, the governor shall, and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favour of the said Casper Shaffner, for the sum of three hundred and ten dollars upon the state treasurer, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the said sum being the value of the said new loan certificate, at the time the same was redeemable.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

**APPROVED**—the twenty fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER,

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## CHAPTER VI.

*An ACT to amend an act, entitled “An act granting an annuity to Thomas Snowden.”*

**SECTION I.** *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 annuity of forty dollars granted by the act, entitled “An act granting an annuity to Thomas Snowden,” passed the twenty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be payable half yearly, and be

Annuity granted to Thomas Snowden made payable half yearly.

drawn, and appropriated in the manner prescribed by the said act.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives*,

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate*.

APPROVED—the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER VII.

*An ACT dissolving the marriage of John M'Clellen and Margaret M'Clellen his wife.*

WHEREAS it appears by the memorial and petition of Margaret M'Clellen, of the city of Philadelphia, that she was lawfully joined in marriage with John M'Clellen, on the seventh day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and lived with said John M'Clellen from that time until the thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven: And whereas it appears the said John possessed a severe, cruel and tyrannical disposition, which at length grew so ungovernable and savage, that he, the said John used the greatest cruelties in bearing and otherwise abusing the person of his said wife Margaret M'Clellen: And whereas it appears from the documents accompanying the petition, that Margaret M'Clellen, has always maintained a good and reputable character, and it being just and reasonable that relief should be afforded in such cases: Therefore,

SECT. I. *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 marriage contract entered into by the said John and Margaret M'Clellen, be, and the same is hereby declared to be null and void, and the parties respectively set free and discharged from the marriage contract, and all the duties arising under the same as fully and absolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect or render illegitimate, any child or children born of the body of the said Margaret during the coverture.*

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives*.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate*,

APPROVED—the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.

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