

CHAPTER CXXV.

An ACT supplementary to an act, entitled "An act directing the sales of certain town-lots in the town of Beaver, and other land adjacent thereto."

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 time mentioned for making improvements in the proviso of the first section of the act to which this is a supplement be, and the same is hereby extended to the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and no longer: *Provided always*, That the extension herein mentioned shall not extend to lot number ninety-seven, in the plan of said town; the title of which shall be vested in Matthew Taylor Steen, his heirs or assigns, on his or their paying to the treasurer of this commonwealth the sum for which said lot was sold by the commissioners appointed for that purpose.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker of*
the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXVI.

An ACT dissolving the marriage of Lewis Albertus and Zilla his wife.

WHEREAS it appears to the legislature that Lewis Albertus of the city of Philadelphia, was married to a certain Zilla Clark, of the state of New-Jersey, and it appearing by the testimony of sundry reputable persons that the said Zilla, not only since her intermarriage, but previous thereto, has often discovered incontestible evidences of insanity, particularly since her intermarriage, by frequently abandoning the house of her said husband, in great rage, and going to her father's in New-Jersey, notwithstanding it appears that her said husband has uniformly treated her with great kindness and affection, and it further appearing that the father of the said Zilla has agreed to support and maintain her during her natural life, and that he has given his full and free consent to a separation of the said Lewis and Zilla by divorce, and it appearing to the legislature that no beneficial consequences will be likely to result either to the parties concerned or to society, from a further continuation of the matrimonial contract: 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 Lewis and Zilla Albertus 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 never had 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 Zilla during the coverture.

The marriage contract of Lewis Albertus and Zilla his wife dissolved. Legitimacy of children not to be affected thereby.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker*

of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXVII.

A supplement to the act entitled, "An act to alter the judiciary system of this commonwealth," passed February 24th, 1806.

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 from and after the passing of this act, the supreme court of this commonwealth shall have original jurisdiction within the city and county of Philadelphia, in all civil actions wherein the matter in controversy shall be of the value of five hundred dollars and upwards, and shall have and possess all and singular the powers and authorities of issuing writs and original process in actions wherein the matter in controversy shall be of the value aforesaid, which they had and possessed before the passing of the act to which this is a supplement.

Supreme court in certain cases to have original jurisdiction within the city and county.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the judges of the said supreme court shall severally, in the order and rotation, at the times and periods to be established by themselves, hold courts of Nisi Prius in the same city and county at least thirty-three weeks in each and every year hereafter; *Provided always,* that if the business of the said courts shall not require so long a time to go through and finish the same, that in such case the said judges shall not be obliged to hold their said sessions for the whole number of weeks hereinbefore mentioned, but only for so long a time as shall be necessary to go through and finish the business of the said court.

Courts of Nisi Prius to be held in same place. *Provido.*

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all actions brought or to be brought in the court of common pleas for said county, wherein the matter in controversy shall be of the value of five hundred dollars and upwards, the defendant or defendants in such action or actions shall be at li-

In demands of \$ 500 &c. the suit may be removed from the