

CHAPTER XCIX.

An ACT to annul the marriage of Benjamin Harrison and Margaret his wife.

WHEREAS it hath been represented by the petition of Margaret Harrison, of the township of the Northern Liberties, and county of Philadelphia, that she contracted marriage with Benjamin Harrison on the twenty-ninth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and two ; that shortly after their intermarriage her said husband regardless of his matrimonial vows, commenced a series of abusive conduct towards her and neglected to provide for his young and rising family, and in contempt of the laws of God and man, gave himself up to an irregular life :

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 Benjamin Harrison and Margaret his wife, be and the same is hereby declared to be null and void, and the parties respectively set free and discharged therefrom, and from all the rights and 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 her coverture.

B. Harrison and Margaret his wife, absolved from the marriage contract.

The children not to be affected as to legitimacy.

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER C.

An ACT to change the name of Jesse Homer, to that of Jesse Henderson Jones.

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 Jesse Homer, of the city of Philadelphia, shall hereafter be known by the name of Jesse Henderson Jones, and by this name shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, grant and receive, and to do all other legal acts, as effectually

Name of Jesse Homer changed.