

Marriage contract of Michael and Catharine Miller, made null and void.

But the legitimacy of their children shall not be affected thereby.

the marriage contract entered into by the said Michael and Catharine Miller, be and the same is hereby declared to be null and void, and they are hereby 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 Catharine during her coverture.

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLV.

An ACT for the relief of John Blain, of Venango county, and David Ritchey, of Washington county, soldiers of the revolutionary war; and of Mary Bell, of York county.

Annuities of 40 dollars each, granted to John Blain, David Ritchey, and Mary Bell.

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 state treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay unto John Blain, of Venango county, Mary Bell, of York county, widow of David Bell, and David Ritchey, of Washington county, or their orders, the sum of forty dollars each, immediately after the passing of this act, and an annuity of forty dollars each, to commence the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, to be paid half yearly during life.*

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

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CHAPTER CLVI.

An ACT to enable Samuel Mason, of the city of Philadelphia, to execute a deed of conveyance of a lot of ground therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to the legislature, that Elizabeth Gill, of the city of Philadelphia, is now, and for

some time past hath been a lunatic, or non compos mentis, that she is indebted in various sums of money, and is destitute of immediate means of support ; and whereas, justice as well as the comfort of the said lunatic demand that certain real estate belonging to the said Elizabeth Gill, should be sold in order that her debts may be paid, and that the expenses that may attend her support may be defrayed : 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 Samuel Mason be and he hereby is authorized to sell and dispose of to the highest bidder, at public auction, and in due form of law execute a deed of conveyance for a certain lot of ground, with the improvements thereon erected, situate in Key's alley, between Front and Second streets from the river Delaware, and between Vine and Race streets in the said city, with the appurtenances, for the best price that can be gotten for the same, which deed of conveyance so executed, shall be as good and available in law as if the said Elizabeth Gill were not or had not been deprived of her understanding, and had herself duly executed the same ; provided, that before the said Samuel Mason shall proceed to sell or convey the aforesaid estate, he shall enter into recognizance with sufficient security, before the orphans' court of the county of Philadelphia, for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him by this act ; and that the said Samuel Mason, his heirs, executors or administrators, shall render a true account of the residue, if any, of the proceeds of the property authorized to be sold which may remain in his or their hands, at the time of her death ; and that he or they shall pay over the same to such person or persons as may be legally entitled to receive the said surplus ; and provided also, that the legal rights of all other persons shall remain as fully and effectually as if this act had not been passed.*

Samuel Mason authorized to sell the real estate of Elizabeth Gill.

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of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLVII.

An ACT granting a sum of money to aid in removing obstructions out of the Musbannon creek.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the legislature, that the navigation of the Mushannon creek is considerably