

for the faithful execution of the duties and authority hereby granted: *And provided also*, That the legal rights of all other persons shall remain as fully and effectually as if this act had never been passed.

JACOB HOLGATE, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate*.

APPROVED—the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

### CHAPTER CVIII.

A further SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled “ An act erecting parts of Northumberland county into separate counties, to be called Union and Columbia.”

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen under the supplement to an act for erecting parts of Northumberland county into separate counties, to be called Union and Columbia, passed the twenty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, whether all the suits then pending and undetermined in the county of Northumberland, where the defendants reside, or cause of action arose, in the said counties of Union and Columbia, would be removed by the provisions of the said act: For remedy whereof,

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 all suits, as well where the cause of action arose, as where the defendants reside within the bounds of either of the said counties of Union and Columbia, shall, if not already removed, be subject to removal, agreeably to the provisions of the said supplement. Removal of suits, &c.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That in all cases depending and undetermined, in the court of common pleas of Northumberland county, on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, where all the defendants resided out of the county of Northumberland, but some thereof in the county of Columbia and some in the county of Union, the said causes shall be transferred to the county in which the major part of the defendants then resided, and in case it should so happen, that the number in each county were equal, then and in that case, the cause shall be transferred to the county where the first named of the defendants in the said action, or where part of the defendants have removed from their residence in the counties of Union or Columbia, or either of the said counties, and the other defendants remaining resident therein, the said suit shall be subject to transfer as though the defendant or defendants, who shall have removed, had never been a party to the said action. Certain causes transferred.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the suits removed from Northumberland county to the coun-

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ty of Columbia, and undetermined, where the defendants reside, or the cause of action arose, in the townships of Turbet and Chillis-  
quaque, shall, after the first day of May next, be considered as  
pending in the county of Northumberland, and all papers on the  
said suits shall be delivered by the prothonotary of Columbia coun-  
ty to the prothonotary of Northumberland county, and it shall be  
the duty of the prothonotary of Columbia county to make out a  
docket or copy of the entries of all suits brought in the court of  
common pleas, where the defendants reside or cause of action  
arose in the townships aforesaid, and deliver the same, on or be-  
fore the said first day of May next, together with the original pa-  
pers on the said suits, to the prothonotary of Northumberland  
county, and all expenses attending the proceedings under this sec-  
tion, shall be paid by the county of Northumberland, on a warrant  
drawn by the commissioners thereof in the usual manner.

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## CHAPTER CIX.

An ACT concerning divorces.

WHEREAS, the divine precepts of the christian religion, the  
promotion of the best interests of human happiness, the design of  
marriage, and the object of parties entering into the marriage  
state, require that it should continue during their joint lives: Yet,  
where one of the parties is under a natural or legal incapacity of  
faithfully discharging the matrimonial vow, or is guilty of acts in-  
consistent with the sacred contract, the laws of every well regu-  
lated society should give relief to the innocent and injured party.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
tives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly  
met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That*  
when a marriage hath been heretofore, or shall hereafter be con-  
tracted and celebrated between any two persons, and it shall be  
judged in the manner herein after mentioned, that either party, at  
the time of the contract, was and still is naturally impotent or in-  
capable of procreation, or that he or she hath knowingly entered  
into a second marriage, in violation of the previous vow he or she  
made to the former wife or husband, whose marriage is still sub-  
sisting, or that either party shall have committed adultery, or wil-  
ful and malicious desertion and absence from the habitation of the  
other, without a reasonable cause, for and during the term and  
space of two years, or when any husband shall have, by cruel and

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