

gations arising therefrom as fully, effectually and absolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to render illegitimate any child or children born of the body of the said Marinda during her coverture, and the said Marinda is hereby constituted the legal guardian of the children of the said marriage. Proviso.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives*.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LVII.

AN ACT

For the relief of the widow and heirs of James Carson, deceased, late recorder of deeds for the city and county of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to the legislature that James Carson, late recorder of deeds for the city and county of Philadelphia, died indebted to the commonwealth for tax on the proceeds of his office, leaving a small and much encumbered estate inadequate to the support of his widow and minor children during their minority, and the payment of said debt, and that an action has been instituted in the supreme court of the eastern district for the recovery of the same.

Therefore,

SECT. 1. *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 proceedings to enforce the payment of the balance due to the commonwealth by James Carson, deceased, late recorder of deeds for the city and county of Philadelphia, arising from a tax on said office, be, and they are hereby suspended for five years from and after the passing of this act: Provided, The sureties give their consent to such suspension, and file the same of record in the court wherein the said suit is pending; And provided also, That nothing here-*

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in contained shall be construed so as to impair or affect the security which the commonwealth now has for the payment of said debt.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives*.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LVIII.

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act, entitled "An act to empower the Board of Wardens for the port of Philadelphia, to collect a certain duty on tonnage, for the purposes therein mentioned."

SECT. 1. *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 Board of Wardens, for the port of Philadelphia, shall have power to employ suitable persons to repair the piers already erected, or that may be hereafter erected in the river Delaware, by virtue of the act to which this is a supplement, and also to keep in repair the road leading from the said piers to Gloucester Point, and that the tonnage duties collected by the said Board of Wardens, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purposes aforesaid, so far as the same may be necessary, and that the said board shall have power to borrow for the said purposes, such sum or sums of money, as by them may be thought expedient, on the credit of the said duties.

Board of wardens authorized to cause piers in the Delaware to be repaired, and to keep in repair a road.
Tonnage duties appropriated.
Power to borrow money.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the master, owner or consignee of every ship or vessel that shall use the said piers, for any purpose other than that contemplated in the erection thereof by the act to which this is a supplement, shall pay to the said board of wardens such reasonable compensation, during the time they shall occupy the same, as to the said board shall seem just, excepting always such ships or vessels as may be obliged to seek shelter thereat, from damages of the ice in the said river.

Compensation to be paid by master, &c. of a vessel for using the said piers for certain purposes.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the proviso in the eighth section of the act, entitled "An act to establish a board of wardens for the port of Philadelphia, and for the regulation of pilots and pilotages,