

the said contract, and from all duties and obligations arising therefrom, as fully, effectually and absolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

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

WILLIAM FINDLAY

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## CHAPTER XLIII.

### *AN ACT*

For the relief of John Pyle.

WHEREAS it appears upon the petition of John Pyle, Christian Ditweiler, Sarah Lantz, widow of Christian Lantz, deceased, Christian King and Abraham Kurtz, executors of the testament and last will of Jacob Lantz, late of Henderson township, Huntingdon county, deceased, David Lantz, Anna Lantz, Christian Ditweiler, as guardian of Henry Lantz and Lydia Lantz, minor children of Henry Lantz, deceased, Solomon King as guardian of Maria Lantz and Magdalena Lantz, minor children of John Lantz, deceased, John Black, intermarried with Fanny Lantz; that a certain Jacob Lantz died seized in fee simple of a tract of land, situate in the county of Huntingdon, and by his last will and testament devised the said tract of land to his three sons Jacob, David and Christian, and directed that the same should be divided into two or three shares, as the said Jacob, David and Christian, with his executors should deem proper. The land so divided to be valued by six competent men, chosen by his executors and his three heirs, Jacob, David and Christian, out of the society commonly called and known by the name of Ammisch, and that the one third part of the valuation should be paid in hand and the residue in such manner as the six men so chosen should direct: but, that should none of the three above mentioned heirs think proper to take the land at the valuation, then, that the same should be sold by his executors on such terms as they might think most advantageous. And further devised, that the half or third part of

said tract of land when divided, might be accepted or refused at the valuation aforesaid, by the guardian of Christian (who was in his minority.) And, whereas it appears that in pursuance of the direction of said will, said property was divided into two parts, the one part at a valuation of twenty-one dollars per acre, the other at a valuation of thirty-five dollars. And, whereas, upon the refusal of Jacob Lantz one of the devisees aforesaid, Christian Ditweiler, guardian of Christian Lantz, the minor son of said deceased, took purpart No. 1. at the appraisement, whereby the said minor became indebted to the other devisees in a large sum of money: And, whereas it appears that Christian Lantz died in his minority, leaving a widow, and a number of brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, his heirs at law: And, whereas it appears that Christian Ditweiler, guardian as aforesaid, believing that he had full power and authority so to do, for the purpose and with the intent of paying the debts owing by said estate, sold at public sale said premises to a certain John Pyler, for the sum of twenty dollars and seventy-five cents per acre, that being the value thereof: And, whereas it appears that part of said purchase money, viz. the sum of two thousand two hundred and forty dollars and fifty cents has been paid by the said John Pyler to said guardian, who has paid the same to the executors of the said Jacob Lantz, deceased: And, whereas it appears that in consequence of the lunacy of Jacob Lantz, and the minority of other the heirs of Christian Lantz, deceased, and the want of power of the said Christian Ditweiler to make sale of said premises, the title to said tract of land is manifestly defective. And, whereas it appears to be the interest and desire of the parties interested, that said sale should be confirmed.

For remedy whereof,

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 right, title and interest of John Pyler to a tract of land, purchased by the said John Pyler of Christian Ditweiler, guardian of Christian Lantz, late of the county of Huntingdon, deceased, shall be as good and effectual in law and equity, to all intents and purposes as if the same had been sold and confirmed under an order of the orphans court, for the sale of the real property of the said deceased, for the payment of his debts, the said John Pyler entering into a John Pyler's recognizance to the presiding judges of the orphan's court of title to a tract of land confirmed.*  
 an amount sufficient to secure the payment of the residue of the purchase money, agreeably to the terms of said sale; saving the right of all persons who have not either by themselves,

their guardians or committees, petitioned the Legislature for the passage of this act.

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CHAPTER XLIV.

*AN ACT*

Relative to the owners and drivers of public stages and other carriages for the conveyance of passengers, and for other purposes.

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 from and after the first day of July next, if the driver of any public stage, mail coach, coachee or carriage, shall leave the same with the horses attached thereto, without some suitable person to attend to and take care of such horses, or securely fastening the same; such driver, and the owner or owners, or any of them, of such stage, mail coach, coachee or carriage, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay any sum not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, one moiety whereof shall go to the person giving information of the commission of such offence, and the other moiety to the stock of the county where such offence shall have been committed: *Provided,* That the party aggrieved shall have a right to appeal to the next court of common pleas of the county wherein the offence was committed.

Fine upon stage drivers.

Proviso.

Forfeiture for wilfully obstructing the highway.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any wagoner, carter, drayman or driver of any stage, mail coach, coachee or carriage, shall wilfully and vexatiously obstruct or delay any person or persons travelling on the public highways of this Commonwealth, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, one half whereof shall go to the person giving information of the commission of such offence, and the other moiety to the stock of the county where the offence shall have been committed.