

representatives in usual form, he or they paying the fees of office.

ISAAC WEAVER, *junior, Speaker
of the House of Representatives.*

SAMUEL MACLAY, *Speaker
of the Senate.*

APPROVED—January the twenty-second, 1803:

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

CHAPTER CVI.

An ACT to dissolve the marriage contract between Alexander Dick and Catharine his wife, late Catharine Wolf.

WHEREAS Catharine Dick, of the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, by her petition to the legislature, hath represented that about the month of April 1801, she was lawfully married to a certain Alexander Dick, who without the knowledge or privity of your petitioner and before her marriage with him, had been guilty of larceny, whereof he has been convicted at a court of Oyer and Terminer, and general goal delivery, held at Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster, on the second Monday of May, in the year of our Lord, 1801: And that the court, before whom the said Alexander, was convicted hath adjudged that he should pay a fine of three thousand four hundred and seventy-six dollars and sixty-seven cents, and undergo a servitude for eighteen calendar

calender months, in the goal of Lancaster county, to be therein kept at hard labour or in solitude and in all things treated and dealt with as is prescribed by the acts, of assembly of this state, in such case made and provided ; pay the costs of prosecution, and stand committed till the whole of the sentence be complied with : That by the order and direction of the said court, the said Alexander Dick, hath been removed to the goal, and penitentiary house, of the city and county of Philadelphia, where he now remains and will probably remain for life, as there is little chance of his ever being able to comply with the sentence or judgment of the court : That even if he should be released from his present confinement after what has passed, it would be in vain for her the said Catharine, to expect any thing but misery in the extreme, by being obliged again to live with and be subject to a person so infamous and depraved, and that without the interference of the legislature, she cannot be relieved from the grievance under which she now suffers : And whereas, the foregoing statement of facts, hath been satisfactorily proved to the legislature, as well by a copy of the record of the court aforesaid, under the seal of said court, as otherwise, and it is but just and reasonable that an innocent and injured person should be released from the ties of matrimony, with a person so abandoned and depraved : Therefore,

Section 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

That the marriage of the said Alexander Dick and Catharine his wife, late Catharine Wolf, be and the same hereby is declared to be annulled and void to all intents and purposes, whatsoever, and they are hereby respectively declared to be separate, set free and totally discharged from the matrimonial contract, and from all duties and obligations, arising therefrom, as fully, effectually and absolutely, as if they had never been joined in matrimony, any law, custom or usage to the contrary, notwithstanding.

The marriage of Alexander Dick and Catharine Dick declared null and void.

ISAAC WEAVER, *junior, Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

SAMUEL MACLAY, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—February the seventh, 1803:

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER CVII.

A SUPPLEMENT to the several acts of Assembly of this Commonwealth, relating to the acknowledgment or proof of deeds and other writings.

Section 1. **B**E 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 each of the aldermen, of the city of Philadelphia, shall have power to take and receive the acknowledg-

The aldermen of the city of Philadelphia empowered to