

to be applied to the use of the poor of the said township.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—the third day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

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

CHAPTER CXVI.

An ACT to dissolve the Marriage Contract between Thomas Dewees and Mary his Wife.

WHEREAS Mary Dewees, late Mary Kid, of the county of Montgomery, by her petition, hath represented to the legislature, that she was lawfully married to Thomas Dewees, in the month of June Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and one; that within a few months after their marriage, he was convicted of forgery, in the court of oyer and terminer, in Berks county, and was sentenced to hard labour and imprisonment for a term of years; that after eighteen months imprisonment he was, at the solicitation of her friends, pardoned by the Governor; that after remaining with her about two weeks after his liberation, he abandoned and left her in a destitute situation; and it appears by a copy of a record of the court of quarter sessions of the peace, and general

neral jail delivery for the county of Allegheny, that at the said court holden the twenty-eighth day of December one thousand eight hundred and three, the said Thomas Dewees was legally convicted of aiding and abetting the passing of counterfeit money, and sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labour: And whereas it appears to the legislature, that under such circumstances the unfortunate woman ought to be released from any connection with a character apparently so irreclaimable: Therefore,

The marriage contract between Thomas Dewees and Mary Dewees, annulled.

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 the marriage contract between Thomas Dewees and Mary his wife, late Mary Kid, be and the same is hereby declared to be null and void, and they are hereby declared to be separated; 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.

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