

Surviving partner and the administrators to give security for the faithful discharge of their respective trusts.

is provided by law for the divisions and apportionment of an intestate's estate: *Provided*, That before a deed shall be executed for any of the real estate aforesaid, in pursuance of this act, the said surviving partner in case the sale be made by him, and the said administratrix and administrator, in case the sale be made by them, shall give bond to the orphans' court of Philadelphia county, with surety to be approved of by that court, for the due performance of their respective duties herein.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorize the sale of any land to which this commonwealth has a claim, by reason of its lien on the estate of John Nicholson, deceased.

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

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the fourth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

THOMAS M'KEAN.

#### CHAPTER LXXXVIII.

*An ACT to annul the marriage of James Isaac Thomas Marshall, and Martha Marshall.*

WHEREAS by the petition of Martha Marshall, late Martha Miles, and by official documents it is shewn to the legislature that James Isaac Thomas Marshall, and the said Martha Marshall, were lawfully joined in marriage, on the fifteenth day of May, *anno Domini* one thousand eight hundred and four, that the said James Isaac Thomas Marshall was on the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and six, convicted in the Mayor's court of the city of Philadelphia, of forging a bank note of the Trenton banking company, for which crime he was sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for the term of two years in the gaol of Philadelphia county, where he now remains: And whereas it appears proper for the legislature to grant the said Martha a divorce, inasmuch as the existing laws do not warrant the interposition of a court of justice in this behalf: Therefore,

SECTION 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 the marriage contract entered into by the said James Isaac Thomas Marshall, otherwise called Kensett and Martha his wife, late Martha Miles, be, and the same is hereby annulled and made void, and the parties respectively set free and discharged from the marriage contract, and from all duties and obligations arising therefrom as fully, effectually and absolutely as if they had nev-

The marriage contract of Jas. I. T. Marshall and Martha his wife annulled.

or been joined in marriage: but nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect or render illegitimate any child or children born of the body of the said Martha during her coverture.

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

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the fourth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

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CHAPTER LXXXIX.

*An ACT to confirm to George Bilger a Title to a certain Lot of Land in the county of Montgomery.*

WHEREAS it has been represented to the legislature, that a certain Michael Spiegle of the township of Springfield in the county of Philadelphia, by his last will and testament did devise unto Mary Spiegle his wife, and Philip Dresher, and to their heirs and assigns, a lot of sixteen acres and fifty-six perches of land, and that the said Mary Spiegle afterwards intermarried with John Kenner, to whom the said Philip Dresher conveyed all his right, title and interest in the said property, that the said Mary died intestate, leaving no children or known kindred; that the said John Kenner, supposing himself to be the heir at law to the land devised to his wife by her former husband, did, on the thirty-first of March, anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, convey the said sixteen acres and fifty six perches of land to Nicholas Kline, who, some time after the purchase of the said land, became uneasy about the validity of his title, and procured from the said John Kenner a bond of fifteen hundred pounds, conditioned to indemnify him for any deficiency in the title to the said property; that the said John Kenner has since deceased, and by his last will and testament did bequeath a portion of his estate to persons who have become lunatic, who are now in the hospital, and a part also of his estate to charitable and religious purposes; that his executors have finally settled their accounts, and paid all the legacies and bequests, agreeably to the direction of the testator. It is further represented that Nicholas Kline aforesaid, conveyed the said land and premises to George Bilger, who, afterwards being informed of the situation of the title to the estate, gave information to the Governor, whereupon an inquisition was had at Norristown, Montgomery county, the twelfth of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, by which inquisition it was determined, that one moiety of the said sixteen acres and fifty-six perches was escheated to the Commonwealth;