

drawn, and appropriated in the manner prescribed by the said act.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives*,

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

APPROVED—the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.

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CHAPTER VII.

An ACT dissolving the marriage of John M'Clellen and Margaret M'Clellen his wife.

WHEREAS it appears by the memorial and petition of Margaret M'Clellen, of the city of Philadelphia, that she was lawfully joined in marriage with John M'Clellen, on the seventh day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and lived with said John M'Clellen from that time until the thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven: And whereas it appears the said John possessed a severe, cruel and tyrannical disposition, which at length grew so ungovernable and savage, that he, the said John used the greatest cruelties in bearing and otherwise abusing the person of his said wife Margaret M'Clellen: And whereas it appears from the documents accompanying the petition, that Margaret M'Clellen, has always maintained a good and reputable character, and it being just and reasonable that relief should be afforded in such cases: Therefore,

SECT. 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 John and Margaret M'Clellen, be, and the same is hereby declared to be null and void, and the parties respectively set free and discharged from the marriage contract, and all the duties arising under the same as fully and absolutely as if they had never 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 Margaret during the coverture.

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