

CHAPTER XXIV.

An ACT dissolving the marriage of Eleanor Houltz, and Abraham Houltz.

WHEREAS it appears to the legislature, that Eleanor Donaldson was, on the seventh day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, married to Abraham Houltz, with whom she lived eleven years and nine months, in which time they had seven children; and that about the sixteenth of August, eighteen hundred and eight, the said Abraham left the said Eleanor, his lawful wife, and five small children, to conflict with poverty and distress; and that some time in the month of October, in the same year, the said Abraham Houltz, who then called himself Abraham Woods, was married to another woman; and it further appears that the said Eleanor is a woman of good moral character: Therefore,

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 marriage contract entered into by the said Eleanor Houltz, and Abraham Houltz, her husband, be and the same is hereby declared to be null and void; and she is hereby set free, and discharged from the marriage contract, and all the duties arising under the same, as fully and absolutely, as if she 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 Eleanor, during the coverture.*

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the third day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XXV.

An ACT for the relief of the widow of Joseph Bruton, deceased, a soldier, who received a wound in the revolutionary war.

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 state treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay Bridget Bruton, widow of Joseph Bruton, deceased, or her lawful attorney, the sum of forty dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury; and an annuity of twenty dollars for the use of said Bridget Bruton, to be paid half yearly to Joseph Clunn of the borough of Bristol, his executor or executors, administrator or*

The marriage of Eleanor Houltz and her husband, annulled.

But not to affect the legitimacy of the children.

40 dollars to be paid to Bridget Bruton;

and an annuity of 20 dollars.