

State treasurer to pay to Susanna Burras, 85 dollars and 20 cents, &c.

the state treasurer is hereby authorized and required, to pay to Susanna Burras, of Erie county, late wife of Robert Burras, deceased, or to her agent duly authorized to receive the same, eighty-three dollars and twenty cents, as a full compensation for the purchase money and fees paid by her husband, Robert Burras, for a warrant of four hundred acres.

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

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

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLXIX.

*An ACT dissolving the marriage of Elsa Middough, and Levi Middough.*

WHEREAS it appears to the legislature, that Elsa Vangorden was, on the eighteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, joined in marriage to Levi Middough, with whom she lived about fourteen years, in which time she had five children; that during the time the said Elsa continued to live with the said Levi, he treated her in a most cruel and inhuman manner, by beating her, and at different times threatening to take her life. so that she was often obliged to fly to her neighbours for protection, and it also appears that the said Elsa is a woman of good moral character: *And whereas*, it would be cruel in the extreme to oblige a woman to live with a man that has continued so inhumanly and barbarously to treat her. Therefore,

Marriage contract entered into by Elsa Middough, and Levi Middough, her husband, declared to be null and void, &c. But not to affect, &c. any children born during the coverture.

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 Elsa Middough and Levi Middough, her husband, be, and the same is hereby declared to be null and void, and they are hereby set free and discharged from the marriage contract, and all 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 children born of the said Elsa during the coverture.*

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