

conveyances shall be as valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if the same were executed by the said Thomas Wilson, and he were of sound mind and memory.

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 CLXXVII.

An ACT to make perpetual the act, entitled “ An act concerning contempts of court.”

* 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 act, entitled “ An act concerning contempts of court,” passed the third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and nine, and every matter and thing therein mentioned, (except the limitation clause,) be and the same is hereby made perpetual. The act concerning contempts of courts, made perpetual except, &c.

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 CLXXVIII.

An ACT to dissolve the marriage contract between William M'Glaughlin, and Isabella his wife.

WHEREAS it appears to the legislature, that about sixteen years since, a certain William M'Glaughlin, now of White-Deer township, in the county of Northumberland, intermarried with Isabella M'Curly ; that they continued to live together for near six years ; that the cruel treatment of the husband to his wife was such as to compel her to leave him, or to remain at the eminent hazard of her life ; she chose the former.

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 between William M'Glaughlin, now of White-Deer township, in the county of Northumberland, and Isabella his wife, be and the same is hereby dis- The marriage contract of William M'Glaughlin, and Isabella

* The words “ Sect. 1,” omitted in the original.

his wife, dissolved, &c.
 Proviso.

solved as fully as if they were never joined in wedlock: *Provided*, nothing herein contained, shall be so construed or understood so as to render illegitimate the offspring of the said William and Isabella had during the coverture.

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 CLXXIX.

An ACT to authorize the governor to appoint commissioners for the purpose of laying out a state road.

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 governor be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint three disinterested commissioners, one of whom shall be a practical surveyor, but neither of them an inhabitant of Fayette or Greene counties, to lay out and mark a state road from the intersection of the state road, (leading from the white horse tavern on the top of the Allegheny mountain, through Berlin in Somerset county, and Connelsville in Fayette county,) with the United States turnpike road, by the nearest and best route for a public road, to the town of Waynesburg in Greene county, and thence by the nearest and best route to the western boundary of this state, in a proper direction towards the flats of Grave creek; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall proceed to perform the duties by this act required of them, on or before the first Monday of June next, and shall cause a draught of the said road to be deposited in the office of the secretary of this commonwealth, and shall also deposit a copy of said draught in the office of the clerk of quarter sessions of the respective counties through which said road may pass, which shall be a record of said road, and from thenceforth shall be, to all intents and purposes, a public highway, and shall be opened and repaired in all respects as other roads are opened and repaired, which are laid out by order of the court of quarter sessions, in said counties.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That each of the said commissioners, before they enter upon the duties of their appointment, shall take and subscribe, before some justice of the peace, an oath or affirmation, faithfully and impartially to perform the duties required of them by this act; and they shall each receive two dollars for each day they shall

Governor to appoint three commissioners.

Their duty.

When to be performed.

And deposit a copy of the draught, &c.

Commissioners shall take an oath, &c.