

agreements, deeds and conveyances made by the said William Forster by virtue of this act, shall be as good and available in law, to all intents and purposes, as if the same were made by the said William Kratzer after he had obtained the age of twenty-one years, and that part of the proceeds of such sales as shall be due to the said ward, shall by the said guardian be laid out in the purchase of land for the sole use of him the said William Kratzer. Proceeds how to be laid out.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the said William Forster before he shall proceed to sell the aforesaid lots of land, to enter into a recognizance with sufficient security before the orphans' court of said county for the faithful execution of the duties and powers hereby granted: *Provided,* That the legal rights of all other persons shall remain as fully and effectually as if this act had never passed. Security to be given. Proviso.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LV.

AN ACT

To establish a thirteenth judicial district,

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 from and after the first Monday of July next, the counties of Susquehanna, Bradford and Tioga, shall be and the same are hereby erected into a separate judicial district to be called the thirteenth district, and a person of legal knowledge and integrity shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be president and judge of the courts of common pleas within the said district, which said president shall after the first Monday of July next receive the like salary and have and execute all and singular the powers, jurisdictions and authorities of president and judge of the court of common pleas, court of oyer and terminer and Thirteenth judicial district erected, and its extent. The Governor or to commission a president and judge of the court, &c.

general jail delivery, orphan's court, and justice of the court of quarter sessions of the peace, agreeably to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.

When the courts shall commence.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the first Monday of July next, the courts of common pleas and quarter sessions in the said district shall commence and be held in the several counties thereof at the same time that they are now directed by law to be held.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

## CHAPTER LVI.

### *AN ACT*

To annul the marriage of John Merrills and Marinda his wife.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the legislature that Marinda Merrills, late Marinda Bennet, of the township of Hanover, in the county of Luzerne, on or about the month of November one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, was lawfully married to John Merrills. And whereas at a court of quarter sessions held at Wilkesbarre in and for the county of Luzerne, on the first Monday of August one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, the said John Merrills was duly convicted of larceny and horse stealing, and sentenced by the said court to undergo an imprisonment at hard labor in the jail and penitentiary house of the city and county of Philadelphia, where he is now in confinement.

Therefore,

John Merrills  
and wife  
divorced.

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 and between John Merrills and Marinda his wife, late Marinda Bennet, both late of the county of Luzerne, be, and the same is hereby annulled and made void, and the parties released and discharged from the said contract, and from all duties and obli-