

CHAPTER XXXVI.

AN ACT

Divorcing James Kite and Eliza his wife from the bonds of matrimony.

WHEREAS it is represented to this legislature that in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirteen, James Kite then of the city of Philadelphia, and Eliza Donnelly of the same place were joined in matrimony at said city, and lived and cohabited together until the year eighteen hundred and fifteen, at which time the said James Kite abandoned his said wife leaving her without any means of support, and has ever since continued to absent himself from her society, and has neglected to provide in any manner for her sustenance: And whereas it is further represented and verified by satisfactory proof that shortly after the marriage of the said James Kite with the said Eliza, he contracted habits of dissipation and vice and from thence to the time of his desertion he treated her in an unfeeling and barbarous manner, and that the said Eliza cannot be divorced by the existing laws, as she has not resided a sufficient time in the commonwealth.

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 between James Kite and Eliza his wife, late Eliza Donnelly, be, and the same is hereby dissolved, and the parties respectively set free and set apart from all duties and obligations arising from the said contract, as fully and effectually as if they had never been joined in marriage: Provided, That nothing in this act shall be taken or held to render illegitimate any issue of the marriage aforesaid.*

REES HILL, *Speaker of the
House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate,

APPROVED—the eleventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.