

Sect. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all appeals from the judgment of the said justices and aldermen, which shall be pending and undetermined in the court of common pleas of Lancaster county at the passage of this act, may at the election of either plaintiff or defendant be transferred to the mayor's court of said city, and shall be proceeded on in like manner as if the appeal had been originally taken to said court, except that the fees on the same due to the officers in Lancaster county shall, when recovered by the clerk of the mayor's court or by the sheriff, be paid to them: And it shall be the duty of the prothonotary of the county of Lancaster, on the application of either the plaintiff or defendant, to give a certified copy of the docket entries, and all the proceedings which may have taken place in any suit so intended to be transferred as aforesaid, which shall be delivered to the clerk of the mayor's court, and filed and entered in a docket furnished by him for that purpose; the expense of said certified copy to be paid by the party applying for the same: *Provided,* That the clerk of the mayor's court shall receive the like fees and emoluments as the prothonotary of the court of common pleas is entitled to receive for similar services.

Either party may transfer pending appeals to mayor's court.

Fees to be paid to the proper officers.

Duty of prothonotary.

Proviso.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That this act shall be and continue in force for the term of three years, and no longer.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

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

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

## CHAPTER XLII.

### AN ACT

To annul the marriage of John Melish and Jane his wife.

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 Melish and Jane his wife, late Jane Pattinson, both of the city of Philadelphia, be, and the same hereby is annulled and made void, and the parties released and discharged from

the said contract, and from all duties and obligations arising therefrom, as fully, effectually and absolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

WILLIAM FINDLAY

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CHAPTER XLIII.

*AN ACT*

For the relief of John Pyle.

WHEREAS it appears upon the petition of John Pyle, Christian Ditweiler, Sarah Lantz, widow of Christian Lantz, deceased, Christian King and Abraham Kurtz, executors of the testament and last will of Jacob Lantz, late of Henderson township, Huntingdon county, deceased, David Lantz, Anna Lantz, Christian Ditweiler, as guardian of Henry Lantz and Lydia Lantz, minor children of Henry Lantz, deceased, Solomon King as guardian of Maria Lantz and Magdalena Lantz, minor children of John Lantz, deceased, John Black, intermarried with Fanny Lantz; that a certain Jacob Lantz died seized in fee simple of a tract of land, situate in the county of Huntingdon, and by his last will and testament devised the said tract of land to his three sons Jacob, David and Christian, and directed that the same should be divided into two or three shares, as the said Jacob, David and Christian, with his executors should deem proper. The land so divided to be valued by six competent men, chosen by his executors and his three heirs, Jacob, David and Christian, out of the society commonly called and known by the name of Ammisch, and that the one third part of the valuation should be paid in hand and the residue in such manner as the six men so chosen should direct: but, that should none of the three above mentioned heirs think proper to take the land at the valuation, then, that the same should be sold by his executors on such terms as they might think most advantageous. And further devised, that the half or third part of