

their guardians or committees, petitioned the Legislature for the passage of this act.

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.

CHAPTER XLIV.

AN ACT

Relative to the owners and drivers of public stages and other carriages for the conveyance of passengers, and for other purposes.

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 day of July next, if the driver of any public stage, mail coach, coachee or carriage, shall leave the same with the horses attached thereto, without some suitable person to attend to and take care of such horses, or securely fastening the same; such driver, and the owner or owners, or any of them, of such stage, mail coach, coachee or carriage, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay any sum not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, one moiety whereof shall go to the person giving information of the commission of such offence, and the other moiety to the stock of the county where such offence shall have been committed: *Provided,* That the party aggrieved shall have a right to appeal to the next court of common pleas of the county wherein the offence was committed.

Fine upon stage drivers.

Proviso.

Forfeiture for wilfully obstructing the highway.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any wagoner, carter, drayman or driver of any stage, mail coach, coachee or carriage, shall wilfully and vexatiously obstruct or delay any person or persons travelling on the public highways of this Commonwealth, he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, one half whereof shall go to the person giving information of the commission of such offence, and the other moiety to the stock of the county where the offence shall have been committed.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said penalties may be recovered before any alderman or justice of the peace, in the same manner as sums not above one hundred dollars are now by law recovered, and that in any suit or action brought to recover the same, the informer shall be a competent witness, leaving his credibility as in other cases, to be judged of by the proper authority terminating the same: And no such suit or action shall be abated, nor a nonsuit therein ordered on account of the names of all the owners of any such stage, mail coach, coachee or carriage not being embraced as defendants, but that it shall be lawful to bring and sustain any such suit or action against any one or more of the said owners: *Provided,* That no suit or action shall be brought against any person for the penalty incurred by a violation of the provisions of this act, after the expiration of thirty days from the commission of the offence.

Informer may be a witness.
Suit may be brought against any one of the owners.
Proviso.

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.

CHAPTER XLV.

AN ACT

To annul the marriage of Samuel Moorhead and Sarah 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 bonds of matrimony contracted between Samuel Moorhead, of Westmoreland county, and Sarah his wife, late Sarah Swan, are hereby annulled and made void, and the said Samuel and Sarah are mutually and severally divorced from each other.

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.