

*Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same.* That previous to delivering the duplicates for the collection of the taxes, to any collector that may be returned by the assessors of the city and county of Philadelphia, it shall be the duty of the person returned, to satisfy the county commissioners of the amount of his freehold estate; and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the said commissioners that the person so returned does not possess a clear freehold estate sufficient to secure the whole amount of the duplicate for the ward, district, or township for which such person may have been returned for collector, the commissioners shall take a bond from such collector with sufficient security for the amount of such duplicate; and on failure of any person returned for collector to give bond with sufficient security within ten days after demand made by the commissioners, they are hereby authorised to appoint a collector in the place of the person so refusing, in the same manner as is now provided by law.

JOHN GILMORE, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

WILLIAM MARKS, Junior,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

JOSEPH HIESTER.

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## CHAPTER IV.

### *AN ACT*

To annul the marriage of George Reid and Elizabeth 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 between George Reid, of the city of Philadelphia, now a convict in the penitentiary, and Elizabeth his wife, be, and the same is hereby annulled and made void, and the parties released and discharged from the said contract and from all legal duties and obligations arising therefrom, as fully, effectually and absolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be so constru-

ed as to render illegitimate any child or children born of the body of the said Elizabeth during her coverture.

JOHN GILMORE, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives.*

WILLIAM MARKS, Junior,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—January the sixth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

JOSEPH HIESTER.

## CHAPTER V.

### *AN ACT*

To provide for the enumeration of the taxable inhabitants and slaves within this Commonwealth.

Duties of the  
commission-  
ers and as-  
sessors.

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 commissioners of the several counties of this commonwealth, shall on or before the first day of November next, and on or before the first day of November in every seventh year thereafter, issue their precepts to the respective township, ward or district assessors, requiring them within thirty days after the date of such precept, to make out two complete lists in alphabetical order, containing a just and true account of the names, surnames and occupations of every taxable person of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, whether male or female, resident within their respective township, ward or district. And it shall also be the duty of the said commissioners and assessors to cause the number of all negroes, mulattoes and people of colour held as slaves within their respective counties, to be carefully and accurately taken in a separate list, distinguishing their sexes, and as near as may be their several ages. And the commissioners and assessors shall respectively take an oath or affirmation before some judge or justice of the peace of their respective city or county, who is hereby empowered and required to administer the same previous to their entering on the duties by this act required. The oath or affirmation of the commissioners shall be "I, A. B. do solemnly swear or affirm, as the case may be,