

No. 414.

AN ACT

To annul the marriage contract between John Nicholson and Ellen Nicholson,
his wife.

SECTION 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 John Nicholson and Ellen Nicholson, his wife, all of Crawford county, be and the same is hereby annulled and made void, and the parties released and discharged from said contract, and from all duties and obligations arising therefrom, as fully, effectually and absolutely, as if they had never been joined in marriage.*

WILLIAM F. PACKER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE DARSIE,

Speaker of the Senate.

We do certify that the bill, entitled "An Act to annul the marriage contract between John Nicholson and Ellen Nicholson, his wife," was presented to the governor on the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and was not returned within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it had been presented to him, wherefore, it has, agreeably to the constitution of this commonwealth, become a law in like manner as if he had signed it.

SAM'L W. PEARSON,

Clerk of the Senate.

WILLIAM JACK,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

HARRISBURG, April 10, 1849.

No. 415.

AN ACT

For the relief of the heirs of James Caldwell, deceased, and relative to the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments.

SECTION 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*

James Caldwell,
for relief of.

the auditor general be and he is hereby authorized and required to communicate to the next legislature, what amount of money, if any, be due to James Caldwell, deceased, as an equal partner with John Clay, in a contract approved November twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, for work done upon section eight of the Gettysburg extension of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Ten hours to be
considered a legal
day's labor in
factories.

SECTION 2. That from and after the passage of this act, labor performed during a period of ten hours on any secular day in all cotton, woolen, silk, paper, bagging and flax factories, shall be considered a legal day's labor; and that hereafter no minor shall be employed in or about any of said factories, until he or she shall have obtained to the age of thirteen years.

Penalty for em-
ploying minors
under thirteen
years of age.

SECTION 3. That if any owner or employer of or in any of the said factories, or his, her or their agent, shall wilfully or knowingly employ any minor below the age of thirteen years as aforesaid, the person or persons so offending, shall pay a penalty of fifty dollars for every such offence, to be sued for and recovered by any person suing for the same, as other debts of like amount are now by law recoverable, one-half of the same to belong to the person suing for the same, and the other half to the county in which the offence was committed.

Minors between
the age of thirteen
and sixteen years
not to be employ-
ed in said facto-
ries for more than
nine calendar
months in any
one year.

SECTION 4. That hereafter no minor who has attained the age of thirteen, and is under the age of sixteen years, shall be employed in any of the factories aforesaid, for a longer period than nine calendar months in any one year, and who shall not have attended school for at least three consecutive months within the same year; and any owner or employer of or in any of the factories aforesaid, offending against the provisions of this section, shall be liable to the penalty provided in the third section of this act, to be sued for, recovered, and applied as therein provided.

Penalty for pa-
rents or guardians
permitting their
children or wards
under the age of
thirteen years to
be employed in
such factories.

SECTION 5. That from and after the fourth day of July next, if any parent or guardian shall consent to, permit, or connive at the employment of his or her child or ward under the age of thirteen years in any of the said factories, or if such parent or guardian shall consent to, permit, or connive at the employment of his or her child or ward over the age of thirteen years, and under the age of sixteen years, for a longer period than ten hours in any secular day, the person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars for every such offence, to be sued for and recovered as provided in the third section of this act, and for the uses therein specified.

Repeal.

SECTION 6. That the act, entitled "An Act to limit the hours of labor, and to prevent the employment in factories of children under the age of twelve years," approved the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, be and the same is hereby repealed.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE DARSIE,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.