

No. 629.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To the act, entitled "An act concerning Divorces."

Divorces.

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 in addition to the cases now provided for by law, it shall be lawful for the courts of common pleas of this Commonwealth, to grant divorces in the following cases :

I. Where an alleged marriage was procured by fraud, force or coercion, and has not been subsequently confirmed by the acts of the injured party.

Guilty of felony
cause for divorce.

Proviso.

II. Where either of the parties shall have been convicted of a felony, and sentenced by the proper court either to the county prison of the proper county, or to the penitentiary of the proper district, for any term exceeding two years : *Provided*, That such application for a divorce, be made by the husband or wife of the party so convicted and sentenced.

Cruel and barbarous
treatment.
Proviso.

III. Where the wife shall have, by cruel and barbarous treatment, rendered the condition of her husband intolerable, or life burdensome : *Provided*, That in cases of divorce under this act, if the application shall be made on the part of the husband, the court granting such divorce, shall allow such support or alimony to the wife, as her husband's circumstances will admit of, and as the said courts may deem just and proper.

Proceedings the
same as under
former acts.

SECTION 2. That the proceedings in cases embraced within the provisions of this act, shall be the same as those prescribed by the act, entitled "An act concerning divorces," approved the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and the several acts supplementary thereto, with the like right of appeal as is therein given ; the word citizen, used in the eleventh section of the said act, shall not be so construed as to exclude any party who shall, for one year, have had a bona fide residence within this Commonwealth, previous to the filing of his or her petition or libel.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.