

to the competency of witnesses and to the rules of evidence in civil and criminal cases, revising, declaring and consolidating some of the existing acts and rules of law upon these subjects, and also extending some of the provisions of the same," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Confidential communications between husband and wife.

Exceptions.

(c) Nor shall husband and wife be competent or permitted to testify against each other, *except in proceedings brought by a wife to be declared a feme sole trader, and except also in those proceedings for divorce in which personal service of the subpoena or of a rule to take depositions has been made upon the opposite party, or in which the opposite party appears and defends, in which case either may testify fully against the other, and except also that in any proceeding for divorce either party may be called merely to prove the fact of marriage.*

APPROVED—The 10th day of May, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 440

AN ACT

To amend the act approved the seventh day of April, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and eighty-eight), entitled "An act authorizing and empowering the Department of Welfare to sell surplus products of prison industries to the Government of the United States, including all departments, bureaus, commissions, and other agencies thereof existing under acts of the Congress of the United States; and to the Government of any State or Commonwealth of the United States; and to any county, city, borough, township, or other organized subdivision of any State or Commonwealth of the United States; and to any institution maintained by, or receiving aid from, any State or Commonwealth of the United States or any organized subdivision thereof"; to include the sale of surplus printing, authorizing the execution of contracts for sale of surplus, of bonds conditional for performance of such contracts, and providing for payment of premium thereon.

Department of Welfare.

Act of April 7, 1925 (P. L. 188), amended.

Surplus products of prison industries may be sold.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Department of Welfare is hereby authorized and empowered to sell to the Government of the United States, including all departments, bureaus, commissions, and all agencies thereof existing under acts of the Congress of the United States; and to the Government of any State or Commonwealth of the United States; and to any county, city, borough, township, *school district*, or other organized subdivision of any State or Commonwealth of the United States; and to any institution maintained by, or receiving aid from, any State or Commonwealth of the United States, or any organized subdivision thereof, such surplus *printing* or products *printed*, manufactured, or prepared in the industries established by the Department of Welfare in the Eastern Penitentiary, the Western Penitentiary, the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon, *Pennsylvania*, and any other correctional institution of this Com-

monwealth in which the Department of Welfare has established or may establish industries, as are not purchased by this Commonwealth or by any county, city, borough, [or] township, or school district of this Commonwealth, or by any State institution, or by any educational or charitable institution receiving aid from this Commonwealth; and, for these purposes, execute and deliver all proposals and contracts in writing, and purchase, execute, and deliver bonds conditioned for the performance thereof which it deems expedient to make: Provided, That liability by any such bond conditioned for the performance of any such contract is hereby, and shall be, restricted to the manufacturing funds maintained by and for prison industries.

Proposals, contracts and bonds.

Proviso.

Section 2. All receipts from the sales of surplus printing or products herein authorized shall be paid into the manufacturing fund, for the uses and purposes of said fund, as provided by law; and all premiums for bonds conditioned for performance of contracts, as herein provided, shall be paid from said manufacturing fund.

Disposition of receipts.

APPROVED—The 10th day of May, A. D. 1927.

JOHN S. FISHER

No. 441

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act, approved the eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred and forty-eight), entitled "An act providing for the joint acquisition and maintenance by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey of certain toll bridges over the Delaware River," and its amendments, extending the powers of the commission created under said act so as to provide for the construction and maintenance of free bridges.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the commission constituted under the act to which this act is a supplement, and its amendments, for the acquisition of toll bridges over the Delaware River between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey, is hereby constituted a commission to act in conjunction with a similar commission or body of the State of New Jersey, for the purpose of providing for the erection and construction of additional bridges across the Delaware River between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New Jersey.

Delaware River bridges.

Act of May 8, 1919 (P. L. 148), supplemented.

The phrase "joint commission," as used in this act, shall be construed to mean the commission hereby constituted and the similar commission or body of the State of New Jersey.

"Joint commission" defined.

Section 2. The said joint commission is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a treasurer, who may or may not be a member of said joint commission, a secretary, and such engineering, architectural, and construction

Organization and employes.