

said moiety for want of proper persons to discharge them upon payment thereof:

For the removal of which doubts:

[Section I.] Be it enacted by the Honorable Richard Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That one moiety of all fines imposed on persons convicted of adultery in and by virtue of the said act and received by any sheriff within this province before the publication hereof shall be paid to the overseers of the poor of the city, district or township where the offender did reside at the time of committing the fact, to the use of the poor thereof, and that one moiety of all fines which shall hereafter be imposed on any person convicted of the said offense by virtue of the said act shall be to and for the use of the governor of this province for the time being, and the other moiety to the overseers of the poor of the city, district or township where the offender shall reside at the time of committing the fact to the use of the poor thereof, anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed March 21, 1772. Referred for consideration by the King in Council, January 15, 1773, and allowed to become a law by lapse of time in accordance with the proprietary charter. See Appendix XXX, and the notes to the Acts of Assembly passed January 12, 1705-6, Chapter 122; May 31, 1718, Chapter 236.

---

## CHAPTER DCLXIII.

---

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE OF GEORGE KEEHMLE, OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, BARBER, WITH ELIZABETH HIS WIFE, LATE ELIZABETH MILLER, AND TO ENABLE HIM TO MARRY AGAIN.

Whereas it hath been represented and appears to the assembly of this province that George Keehmle of the city of Philadelphia, barber, was on the twenty-third day of August

in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, married unto a certain Elizabeth Miller:

And whereas it also appears by the records of the supreme court of this province that the said Elizabeth in April term last was in due form of law convicted of adultery, committed by her with a certain John Clark; and the said George Keehmle having by his petition prayed this assembly for a law to dissolve his marriage with the said Elizabeth:

[Section I.] Be it therefore enacted by the Honorable Richard Penn, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor under the Honorable Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esquires, true and absolute Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, by and with the advice and consent of the representatives of the freemen of the said Province in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the said bond of matrimony, being violated and broken by the manifest and open adultery of the said Elizabeth, be and it is hereby declared and adjudged to be from henceforth wholly dissolved, annulled and made void to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said George Keehmle at any time after the passing of this act (his former marriage with the said Elizabeth notwithstanding) to contract matrimony with and take to wife any other unmarried woman during the natural life of the said Elizabeth in the same manner as he might or could do if she the said Elizabeth was actually dead, and such marriage when had and solemnized shall be and is hereby declared and adjudged to be good and legal to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and the issue thereof, if any, to be born in lawful wedlock, able and capable in law to take, purchase or inherit by will, deed or otherwise any estate, real, personal or mixed, in the same manner as any other person or legitimate child or children by the laws of England or of this province in any case may or can do.

[Section II.] And be it further enacted and declared by the authority aforesaid, That no child or children, male or female, which at any time hereafter shall be born of the body of the said Elizabeth, wife of the said George Keehmle, shall be

deemed, taken or reputed to be the lawful issue of the said George Keehmle on the body of the said Elizabeth begotten.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Elizabeth shall be and is hereby barred and excluded of and from all dower and thirds and of and from all right and title of dower and thirds in, to or out of the lands, tenements, hereditaments and personal estate of the said George Keehmle.

[Section IV.] Provided always nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act nor anything therein contained shall deprive or prevent the said George Keehmle from commencing, suing or prosecuting any action or actions, suit or suits, against the said John Clark for or by reason of the adultery or fornication aforesaid, or for any damages sustained by the said George Keehmle by reason thereof, but that such action or actions, suit or suits, now sued or hereafter to be sued, may be sued and prosecuted in like manner as if this act had not been made, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Passed March 21, 1772. Repealed by the King in Council, April 27, 1773. See Appendix XXX.

---

## CHAPTER DOLXIV.

---

AN ACT FOR CONFIRMING THE ESTATES OF JOHN PAWLING, JOSEPH PAWLING, ABRAHAM SAHLER, PETER REIMER, BERNARD KEPLER AND ANDREW HEIZER IN AND TO CERTAIN LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Whereas by patent from the Honorable William Penn, Esquire, late proprietary of this province, bearing date the thirteenth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and one, a certain tract of land described by the bounds and limits following, viz.: Beginning at a marked hickory sapling, thence northwest five hundred and sixty-seven perches to a post for a corner, thence southwest four hundred and eighty perches to a post