

country have tended greatly to the impoverishment thereof without producing any adequate benefit to the community:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the act, entitled "An act to revive and continue for a further limited time the act for laying an embargo on the exportation of provisions from this state by sea for a limited time,"<sup>1</sup> passed on the twenty-second day of September last, be and the same is hereby repealed.

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas, the limitations and restrictions contained in the act, entitled "An act to permit the exportation of flour of wheat from this state by sea under certain limitations and restrictions,"<sup>2</sup> have been productive of mischievous consequences to this state and cannot be attended with the advantages expected by the legislature by reason of the full liberty given to commerce in a neighboring state:

[Section II.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said last mentioned act and every clause, proviso and thing therein contained, except the permission to export the flour therein mentioned, be and the same is hereby repealed, excepting also the clause obliging all persons shipping flour of wheat to offer or tender a quantity equal to one-third [part] of the quantity to be shipped unto the proper officer appointed by the president and council for that purpose as is more fully and particularly expressed in the seventh section of the said act.

Passed February 27, 1781. See the Act of Assembly passed June 7, 1781, Chapter 943. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 415, etc.

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## CHAPTER CMXXIX.

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AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE OF GILES HICKS WITH HIS WIFE  
HESTER HICKS LATE HESTER McDANIEL.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, Giles Hicks, of the state of Penn-

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<sup>1</sup> Passed September 22, 1780, Chapter 917.

<sup>2</sup> Passed December 22, 1780, Chapter 922.

sylvania, Esquire, and captain in the tenth regiment of the said state hath presented a petition to this house setting forth that in the month of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, when he was a minor of the age of fifteen years, he was seduced by the artifices of a certain Hester McDaniel and her relations to contract marriage with her contrary to the consent of his guardians and other friends: That the said Hester was at the time of the said marriage a common prostitute and hath since lived separate from the said Giles in open adultery with divers other men, by means whereof she became so diseased of the lues venerea as to be declared incurable after seven months continuance in the Pennsylvania Hospital, and praying leave to bring in a bill for the dissolution of the said marriage after due notice given:

And whereas, it appears to this house that the facts alleged in the said petition are true:

And whereas, this house did, by their resolve of the twenty-first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, give permission to the said Giles Hicks to bring in a bill to divorce him from his said wife Hester, agreeable to the prayer of his said petition, he, the said Giles Hicks, giving previous notice of his design and this permission at least three weeks in the public newspaper printed in the city of Philadelphia, entitled "The Pennsylvania Gazette and Weekly Advertiser:"

And whereas, it hath been sufficiently proved to the house that the said notice hath been given:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the marriage of the said Giles Hicks with the said Hester be and is hereby declared to be dissolved and annulled to all intents and purposes whatsoever. And the said Giles Hicks and the said Hester shall be and they are hereby henceforth, respectively, declared to be separated, set free and totally discharged from their matrimonial contract and from all duties and obligations to each other as husband and wife as fully, effectually and absolutely to all in-

tents and purposes as if they had never been joined in matrimony or by any other contract whatsoever, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Section II.]( Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the date hereof the said Giles Hicks be and he hereby is freely, fully and entirely authorized and empowered to contract matrimony and the same in due form to celebrate with any other woman in like manner as he, the said Giles, if he had [never] been married to the said Hester, lawfully might or could do.

Passed March 9, 1780. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 416, etc.

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## CHAPTER CMXXX.

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A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR MAKING THE RIVER SCHUYLKILL NAVIGABLE AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE FISH IN THE SAID RIVER."<sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, several of the commissioners nominated and appointed in and by the act of assembly, passed on the twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, entitled "A supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for making the river Schuylkill navigable and for the preservation of the fish in the said river,'"<sup>2</sup> have, since the passing of the same, departed this life, removed from the neighborhood of the said river or engaged in other business, so that the regulations and provisions in the said act contained, to which this act is a further supplement, cannot now be properly carried into execution:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met,

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<sup>1</sup> Passed March 14, 1761, Chapter 465.

<sup>2</sup> Passed February 26, 1773, Chapter 680.