

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the marriage of the said Catharine Summers with the said Peter Summers be and is hereby declared to be dissolved and annulled to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and, the said Catharine Summers and Peter Summers 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 wife and husband as fully, effectually and absolutely to all intents 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.

Passed September 23, 1783. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 173, etc.

CHAPTER MXLIV.

AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE TITLE OF JOSHUA RUSSELL TO CERTAIN LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Archibald Morrison of the county of York and township of Cumberland was seized in fee in his life time of a certain messuage and plantation or tract of land situated lying and being in the township and county aforesaid, and bounded as follows, that is to say, beginning at a post, thence by lands formerly belonging to John McFarland now Robert Laird, south fifty-seven degrees east, one hundred and six perches and seven tenths to a black oak tree, thence south seventy-two degrees east, seventy-six perches to a red oak tree, thence north forty-six degrees and a quarter east, seventeen perches and four-tenths to a post, thence by Hugh Murphy's land, south twenty-five degrees east, twenty-seven perches to a post, thence by lands of said Hugh Murphy, south fifty-nine perches to a Spanish oak, thence south twelve degrees west, thirty-one perches to a post, thence south thirty degrees west, seventy-one perches and a half to a post, thence north forty-

four degrees west, fourteen perches to a post, thence south fifty degrees and a half west, fifty-two perches to a post, thence by lands of James Riddle, north forty degrees and a half west, ninety-seven perches and three-tenths to a post, thence by lands belonging to the heirs of Archibald Morrison, deceased, north forty-one degrees and three quarters east ten perches to a post, thence by the same north thirty-five degrees west one hundred and fifty-six perches and eight-tenths to a post, thence by lands belonging to the heirs of John Laird north forty-one degrees and three quarters east seventy-seven perches and three-tenths to the place of beginning, containing two hundred acres and allowances commonly called "Morrison's Ridge," together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging: And being so seized thereof, died intestate, whereby the said messuage and plantation or tract of land descended to the children of the said Archibald Morrison: And whereas the children of the said Archibald Morrison, deceased, did authorize and empower Archibald Morrison, Junior, of the township and county aforesaid, to grant, bargain and sell the aforesaid messuage and plantation and to execute and acknowledge a good and lawful conveyance for the same: And whereas the said Archibald Morrison, Junior, in pursuance and by virtue of the said authority, did, in fact, by a written agreement under the hand and seal of the said Archibald Morrison, Junior, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of November, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, for the consideration of four hundred and fifteen pounds therein mentioned grant, bargain and sell to the said Joshua Russell and to his heirs and assigns the aforesaid messuage and plantation or tract of land; and the said Archibald Morrison, Junior, did in his lifetime receive part of the said consideration, and his administrators since his death have received the residue: And whereas the said Archibald Morrison, Junior, after executing the said agreement with the said Joshua Russell, and receiving a part of the money therein mentioned, hath died intestate, whereby the title of the said Joshua Russell to the aforesaid messuage and plantation is rendered imperfect, and it is highly just and reasonable that the said Joshua Russell having complied with his contract and paid the whole consid-

eration money therein mentioned should have his title established and confirmed.

[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 above described messuage and plantation or tract of land with the appurtenances are and shall be vested in the said Joshua Russell and his heirs; and that the said Joshua Russell and his heirs now do stand and from and after the publication of this act shall stand seized of the above mentioned premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances to and for the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said Joshua Russell, his heirs and assigns forever, in the manner and to all intents and purposes as if the said Archibald Morrison, Junior, had executed a deed in due form of law to the said Joshua Russell his heirs and assigns to the only use benefit and behoof of the said Joshua Russell his heirs and assigns forever.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Provided always, That the said Joshua Russell and his heirs shall hold the above described messuage and plantation under and subject to such quit rents, or other rents, estates and incumbrances, as are or may be, legally charged on the same or any part or parcel thereof.

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CHAPTER MXLV.

AN ACT TO GRANT THE RIGHT OF PRE-EMPTION TO AN ISLAND, KNOWN BY THE NAME OF MONTOUR'S ISLAND, IN THE OHIO RIVER, IN BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM IRVINE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Brigadier General William Irvine during his separate command at Pittsburg, hath rendered essential service to this state particularly the frontier settlements thereof, in consideration whereof,