

by the authority aforesaid, That Sharp Delaney, esquire, be, and he is hereby appointed collector for the port of Philadelphia, for the time being.

[Section VII.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the collector appointed, or to be appointed in consequence of this act, shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation before the president or vice president in council to-wit: "That he will well and truly perform the duties of collector as directed by this act, to the best of his skill and knowledge, and without favor or affection to any person or persons whatever."

[Section VIII.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the third section of the act aforesaid, passed the twenty-third day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and so much of the other acts herein mentioned, as are altered or supplied, be, and the same are hereby declared to be null and void.

Passed March 15, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 263, etc. See the Act of Assembly passed March 16, 1785, Chapter 1137; April 2, 1785, Chapter 1157; April 4, 1785, Chapter 1158.

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## CHAPTER MLXXVII.

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### AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE OF JOHN ALEXANDER AND MARGARET, HIS WIFE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas John Alexander of the city of Philadelphia, husband of Margaret Alexander of the said city, hath represented to the general assembly of this state, that his wife Margaret Alexander hath separated herself from his bed and his board and since her intermarriage with him hath estranged her affections from him and placed them upon other men, and hath within the period aforesaid frequently committed the heinous sin of adultery, and hath prayed the general assembly to grant him leave to bring in a bill to dissolve him from

his marriage with the said Margaret Alexander; and the said general assembly being willing to ascertain the truth of said facts, that justice may be done in the premises, and being thoroughly convinced of the truth of the said facts, on a proper and legal examination having taken place, in the presence of the said parties, before a committee of the late general assembly, who have reported the testimony before them:

[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 marriage of the said John Alexander with the said Margaret Alexander be, and the same is hereby declared to be dissolved and annulled to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and the said John Alexander and Margaret Alexander 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 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 in anywise notwithstanding.

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## CHAPTER MLXXVIII.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR MAKING THE RIVER SCHUYLKILL NAVIGABLE, AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE FISH IN THE SAID RIVER," AND TO TWO SUPPLEMENTS TO THE SAME ACT.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the improving the navigation of the river Schuylkill, so as to make it passable at all times, will be very advantageous to the poor, greatly promote the spirit of industry and be beneficial to a considerable part of this state, by enabling the inhabitants to bring their produce to market,