

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 Leonard Eckstine with the said Mary be, and the same is hereby declared to be dissolved and annulled to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever; and the said Leonard Eckstine and the said Mary shall be and they are hereby declared respectively 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 never had been joined in matrimony, or by any other contract whatever, any law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Passed March 22, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 279, etc.

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#### CHAPTER MLXXXIV.

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AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE OF ROBERT STEWARD, OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, MARINER, AND CATHARINE, HIS WIFE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Robert Steward, of the city of Philadelphia, mariner, hath presented a petition to the general assembly of this state, setting forth that Catharine his wife, late Catharine Kinchley had been unfaithful to his bed, and had committed adultery with divers persons, praying leave to bring in a bill for dissolving his marriage with her the said Catharine:

And whereas it appears to this house by the affidavits laid before the committee appointed to hear the parties, which affidavits accompany the report of the said committee to this house, that the facts alleged in the said petition are true, and

that the said Catharine hath acknowledged that she could make no defense against the prayer thereof:

And whereas this house did on the third day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four give leave to the said Robert Steward to bring in a bill agreeable to his said prayer:

[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 Robert Steward with the said Catharine be and the same is hereby declared to be dissolved, annulled and made void to all intents and purposes whatever, and the said Robert Steward and the said Catharine his wife, shall be and they are hereby 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 in any contract of matrimony, any law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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## CHAPTER MLXXXV.

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AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE OWNERS OF GREENWICH ISLAND, WICCACOA AND MOYAMENSING MEADOWS TO MAKE A DAM ACROSS THE MOUTH OF HAY CREEK, AND ANOTHER DAM ACROSS HOLLANDER'S CREEK, AT THE STONE BRIDGE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine, a law was obtained by the owners of Greenwich Island for embanking and draining the same; in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-one, another law was obtained by the owners of the Wiccacoa Meadows for the embanking and draining them; and in the year one thousand