

CHAPTER MMCDXI.

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN SAMUEL SWAN AND HANNAH HIS WIFE.

Whereas, Hannah Swan, of Northumberland county, by her petition to the legislature, hath represented, that in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, she was married to Samuel Swan, with whom she lived until the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one; that in the month of May, of the said year, the said Swan relinquished her, and never returned; and that the said Samuel Swan, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, was married to and cohabits with another woman: And whereas, it appears by other testimony, that the said Samuel Swan was actually intermarried and cohabits with another woman, and now or late residing in the state of Kentucky: Therefore,

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate, and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the marriage contract of the said Samuel Swan and Hannah his wife be, and the same hereby is declared to be annulled and void, to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and they are hereby respectively declared to be separate, set free, and totally discharged from the matrimonial contract, and from all duties and obligations arising therefrom, as fully, effectually and absolutely, as if they had never been joined in matrimony; any law, custom or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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CHAPTER MMCDXII.

AN ACT IN AID OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND ACADEMY IN THE TOWN AND COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Whereas, it is represented to the legislature that the trustees of Northumberland Academy have erected a building for

that institution, but owing to the failure of sundry principal subscribers, they are unable to finish the same or discharge the debts already contracted; and the said trustees have prayed for legislative aid in the premises: And whereas, it is represented, that Doctor Joseph Priestly has the disposal of a valuable library of scarce and well-assorted books, in various branches of literature and science, which he is desirous and has the power of procuring as a gift to Northumberland Academy, provided that institution is likely to receive substantial aid from the state: And whereas, it has ever been the enlightened policy of Pennsylvania, to encourage and cherish seminaries of useful learning: Therefore,

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That two thousand dollars of the arrearages of state taxes now due from the county of Northumberland, be, and are hereby granted to the trustees of the Northumberland Academy, to and for the use of that institution; to be paid by the treasurer of said county, out of the arrearages of state taxes that hereafter may come into his hands; which sum so paid shall be allowed said treasurer on the settlement of his accounts.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever Doctor Joseph Priestly, or any person by him for that purpose appointed, shall certify to the governor of this commonwealth, that he hath a library of not less than two thousand volumes, of such as may be selected and approved by the trustees of the said institution, or a majority of them, ready to appropriate as a donation to the Northumberland Academy, the governor shall be authorized to appoint two persons, disinterested, who shall not reside within the county of Northumberland, to value the same; which valuation the governor shall report to the legislature at their next session, together with a catalogue of said books, recommending an appropriation or donation of money, to and for the use of said institution, equal to the aforesaid

valuation: Provided, that such valuation shall not amount to more than three thousand dollars.

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CHAPTER MMCDXIII.

AN ACT ERECTING THE TOWNSHIPS OF ROCKHILL, BEDMINSTER, AND HILLTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BUCKS, INTO AN ELECTION DISTRICT.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, the townships of Rockhill, Bedminster, and Hilltown, in Bucks county, shall form an election district; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Henry Trumbour, in Rockhill township aforesaid; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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CHAPTER MMCDXIV.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF ALEXANDER BOATICAR.

Whereas, Alexander Boaticar, a native of the kingdom of Great Britain, hath represented to the legislature, that having arrived in this state with an intention of residing therein, in the month of July, one thousand eight hundred and two, he purchased of William Read and Matthew Pearce, two messuages and tracts of land, at Creesham, otherwise called Chestnut Hill, in the township of Germantown, in the county of Philadelphia; one of said tracts bounded by land late in the tenure of Wiggard Miller, by land late of Samuel Mummy, being the tract herein next after described, by Philadelphia and Plymouth great road, by land of Michael Milberger, by a two-perch wide road leading back to a paper-mill and grist-