

## CHAPTER MMDXV.

AN ACT FOR THE ELECTION OF CONSTABLES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
PITTSBURGH.

Whereas the citizens of Pittsburgh township have represented to the legislature, that they labor under great inconveniences for the want of constables in said township, there being none elected or appointed for two years past in consequence of doubts having arisen as to the legality of holding elections for constables, there being no officer to hold such election, or to make return thereof: 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 electors of Pittsburgh township, consisting of the borough of Pittsburgh, shall annually on the fourth Monday of May, at the same place that they meet to choose borough officers, elect four reputable citizens in said township. It shall be the duty of the constable of the borough to hold the election, and return the names of the persons so elected to the next court of quarter sessions for the county of Allegheny; and the said court shall appoint two of them to be constables for the said township, and on the neglect or refusal of such person or persons elected in manner aforesaid, the court shall then proceed as directed by the seventeenth section of an act, entitled "An act for the recovery of debts and demands not exceeding one hundred dollars, before a justice of the peace, and for the election of constables, and for other purposes."<sup>(1)</sup>

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That previously to the election for constables as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the constable or constables of said township, to give notice of the same, by three or more written advertisements, put up at the market-house in the said borough, at least three days previously to said election; and if the said constable or constables, shall

refuse or neglect to give such notice, he or they shall forfeit and pay ten dollars for such offense, to be recovered as sums of equal amount are or may be by law recoverable; such fines to be applied to the use of the poor of the said township.

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Note (\*). Chapter 2482. *Supra*, this volume, p. 782.

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## CHAPTER MMDXVI.

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### AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN THOMAS DEWEES AND MARY, HIS WIFE.

Whereas Mary Dewees, late Mary Kid, of the county of Montgomery, by her petition, hath represented to the legislature, that she was lawfully married to Thomas Dewees, in the month of June Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and one; that within a few months after their marriage, he was convicted of forgery, in the court of oyer and terminer, in Berks county, and was sentenced to hard labor and imprisonment for a term of ten years; that after eighteen months imprisonment he was, at the solicitation of her friends, pardoned by the governor; that after remaining with her about two weeks after his liberation, he abandoned and left her in a destitute situation; and it appears by a copy of a record of the court of quarter sessions of the peace, and general jail delivery for the county of Allegheny, that at the said court holden the twenty-eighth day of December one thousand eight hundred and three, the said Thomas Dewees was legally convicted of aiding and abetting the passing of counterfeit money, and sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labor: And whereas it appears to the legislature, that under such circumstances the unfortunate woman ought to be released from any connection with a character apparently so irrevocable: 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 be-