

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.

CHAPTER MMDXVI.

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-

tween Thomas Dewees and Mary his wife, late Mary Kid, be and the same is hereby declared to be null and void, and they are hereby declared to be separated, 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 MMDXVII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ALEXANDER M'INTIRE TO ERECT A TOLL BRIDGE OVER FRENCH CREEK.

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 it shall and may be lawful for Alexander M'Intire, his heirs and assigns, to erect, build, maintain and support a good and substantial bridge over and across French creek, on the line of direction where a road laid out from the Block-house, in the town of Meadville, to the outlet of Conneaut lake crosses the same, in Crawford county; and the property of said bridge, when built, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said Alexander M'Intire, his heirs and assigns forever, and the said Alexander M'Intire, his heirs and assigns, may demand and receive toll from travellers and others, not exceeding the following rates, to wit: For every coach, landau, chariot, phaeton or other pleasurable carriage, ten cents for each horse drawing the same; for every wagon or cart, eight cents for each horse drawing the same; for every empty wagon or cart, five cents for each horse drawing the same; for every sleigh or sled, five cents for each horse drawing the same; for a single horse and rider, five cents; for every horse, four cents; for every foot passenger, one cent; for every head of horned cattle, two cents; for sheep or swine at the rate of half a cent each; and all carriages which shall be drawn by oxen, or partly by oxen and partly by horses, two oxen shall