

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorize the sale of any land to which the commonwealth has a claim, by reason of its lien on the estate of John Nicholson, deceased.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCXX.

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AN ACT TO ANNUL THE MARRIAGE OF JAMES ISAAC THOMAS MARSHALL, AND MARTHA MARSHALL.

Whereas by the petition of Martha Marshall, late Martha Miles, and by official documents, it is shown to the legislature that James Isaac Thomas Marshall, and the said Martha Marshall, were lawfully joined in marriage, on the fifteenth day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and four; that the said James Isaac Thomas Marshall was on the third day of November, one thousand eight hundred and six, convicted in the Mayor's court of the city of Philadelphia, of forging a bank note of the Trenton banking company, for which crime he was sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labor for the term of two years in the jail of Philadelphia county, where he now remains: And whereas it appears proper for the legislature to grant the said Martha a divorce, inasmuch as the existing laws do not warrant the interposition of a court of justice in this behalf: 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 entered into by the said James Isaac Thomas Marshall, otherwise called Kensett, and Martha his wife, late Martha Miles, be, and the same is hereby annulled and made void, and the parties respectively set free and discharged from the mar-

riage contract, and from all duties and obligations arising therefrom as fully, effectually and absolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect or render illegitimate any child or children born of the body of the said Martha during her coverture.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCXXI.

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AN ACT TO CONFIRM TO GEORGE BIGLER A TITLE TO A CERTAIN LOT OF LAND IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY.

Whereas it has been represented to the legislature, that a certain Michael Spiegle of the township of Springfield in the county of Philadelphia, by his last will and testament did devise unto Mary Spiegle his wife, and Philip Dresher, and to their heirs and assigns, a lot of sixteen acres and fifty-six perches of land; and that the said Mary Spiegle afterwards intermarried with John Kenner, to whom the said Philip Dresher conveyed all his right, title and interest in the said property; that the said Mary died intestate, leaving no children or known kindred; that the said John Kenner, supposing himself to be the heir at law to the land devised to his wife by her former husband, did, on the thirty-first day of March, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, convey the said sixteen acres and fifty-six perches of land to Nicholas Kline, who, some time after the purchase of the said land, became uneasy about the validity of his title, and procured from the said John Keener a bond of fifteen hundred pounds, conditioned to indemnify him for any deficiency in the title to the said property; that the said John Keener has since deceased, and by his last will and testament did bequeath a portion of his estate to persons who have become lunatic, who are now in the hospital, and a part also of his estate to charitable and religious purposes; that his executors have