

CHAPTER MMMCVI.

AN ACT TO REPEAL SO MUCH OF AN ACT PASSED APRIL FOURTH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN, (*) AS DIRECTS THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS, TO SELECT AND RETURN JURORS, AND ALSO ALLOWING PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES IN CERTAIN CASES.

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 so much of the act entitled "A supplement to an act, entitled 'An act directing the mode of selecting and returning jurors,'"⁽¹⁾ as enjoins certain duties on the ward, district and township assessors be, and the same is hereby repealed and made void, and the original act above recited is hereby revived and made perpetual.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in all civil suits, each party shall be allowed to challenge two jurors peremptorily; and in all criminal prosecutions wherein peremptory challenges have not been heretofore permitted by law, the defendant or defendants shall be allowed to challenge four jurors peremptorily.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act, and so much of the provisions of the act hereby revived, shall go into operation and take effect from and after the first day of September next.

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Note (*). Chapter 2809; Supra this volume, p. 469.

CHAPTER MMMCVII.

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE OF PETER RICKENBACH AND ANN, HIS WIFE.

Whereas Peter Rickenbach, of Lancaster county, husband of Ann Rickenbach, has committed adultery, wilfully and maliciously deserted and absented himself from his said wife

without any reasonable cause for upwards of four years, and entered into a second marriage in violation of his previous vow to the said Ann, which though legal causes of divorce, cannot be decreed by the courts of justice on account of the said Ann, although a citizen, not having resided one whole year previous thereto in this state, by reason whereof the said Ann cannot obtain the small remains of her own patrimony; and it is just to succor the innocent and injured: 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 Ann Rickenbach, be, and she is hereby divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted with Peter Rickenbach.

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CHAPTER MMMCVIII.

AN ACT EMPOWERING CERTAIN TRUSTEES THEREIN NAMED, TO CONVEY THREE TRACTS OR PIECES OF LAND, SITUATE IN WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, AND TO APPROPRIATE THE MONIES ARISING FROM THE SALE THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas Andrew Barnet and Nicholas Kline, trustees of the German Lutheran congregation of Williams township, in the county of Northampton, by their petition, have represented to the legislature, that Frederick Frutche and Elizabeth his wife, by indenture or deed of conveyance under their hands and seals duly executed, bearing date the eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the consideration therein mentioned, did grant and convey unto Isaac Shimer and John Beyl, trustees of the Lutheran Congregation of Williams and Lower Saucon townships in the county of Northampton, their successors or assigns, for the use of the said congregation, three certain