

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.

Approved April 4, 1809. Recorded in L. B. No. 11, p. 375.

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

pieces or tracts of land, situate in Williams township, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit: the first of them beginning at a stone corner, thence by land of Henry Miller, south fifty-one degrees, west seventy-five perches to a stone; north sixty-three degrees and a half, west thirty-six perches to a stone; thence by land of Christopher Elick, south seven degrees, east sixty perches to the middle of the great road, thence along the same by land of Calley and Schneider, north eighty-one degrees, east thirty-three perches to a stone, south thirty-three degrees, east twenty-six perches and a half to a stone; thence by land of Lerch and land of Frederick Frutche, north fifty-six degrees and a half, east eighty-seven perches to a black oak; thence north thirty-three and a half degrees, west seventy-three perches to the place of beginning; containing by computation forty-one acres and one hundred and thirty-six perches and allowance, &c., be the same more or less. The second tract being a piece of timber land beginning at a stone in a line of Christopher Elick's land, thence by the same south seven degrees and a half, west forty perches to a post, thence by land of Anthony Lerch, south eighty-seven degrees, east twenty-three perches to a stone, north twenty-two and a half degrees, west sixteen perches and a half to a stone; north fifty-six and a half degrees, east seventeen perches and a half to a stone; thence by land of Schneider and Calley, north sixty-one degrees, west twenty-nine perches to the place of beginning; containing four acres and one quarter be the same more or less. And the third tract beginning at a post in a line of the first described tract, thence by the same south sixty degrees; west twenty-two perches to a post; thence south fifty-six and a quarter, east forty-one perches to a post; thence by land of Isaac Shimer, north twenty-four degrees, west thirty-seven perches to the place of beginning; containing two acres and sixty perches and allowance of six per cent. for roads, &c. That the said congregation is now only known by the title of the Lutheran Congregation of Williams township, the members from the township of Lower Saucon having withdrawn themselves from said congregation and formed

a separate congregation in their own township. That the petitioners have succeeded the said Isaac Shimer and John Beyl in the office of trustees of the congregation aforesaid, and that by and with the advice and consent of the elders and members of the said congregation, the petitioners on the thirty-first day of December last, sold the aforesaid premises to Isaac Shimer of Williams township, at public vendue, for the sum of eight hundred pounds, they having stipulated on their part in the conditions of sale to make and execute a deed in fee simple for the premises to the purchaser on the fifteenth day of April next, and that the petitioners have no authority to convey the said premises, no charter of incorporation having been obtained by the said congregation praying the aid of the legislature in the premises: 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 it shall and may be lawful for Andrew Barnet and Nicholas Kline, trustees of the German Lutheran Congregation, of Williams township, in the county of Northampton, or their successors in office, to make, execute and deliver an assurance and conveyance of the aforesaid three pieces or tracts of land, and premises, with the appurtenances valid in law, unto the aforesaid Isaac Shimer, his heirs and assigns forever, saving the legal rights of all other persons or bodies politic or corporate therein, and to appropriate and apply the monies arising from the sale of the said premises towards erecting a house of public worship for the use of the aforesaid congregation in the township of Williams aforesaid, or for such other purposes as the trustees and elders, with the consent of a majority of the members of the said congregation may think proper, and for no other use or purpose whatsoever.