

for the monies due on such lands, by sale of the said lands, according to law, without further delay.]

1785.

Passed 16th September, 1785.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 24.

CHAPTER MCLXX.

An ACT to establish a ferry from the south-west side of the Monongahela, opposite to the town of Pittsburgh.

SECT. I. A PUBLIC ferry established from the south-west side of Monongahela river, opposite to the town of Pittsburg, and vested in Jacob Bausman, his heirs and assigns, subject to such rates and regulations as the legislature may in future direct.]

Passed 16th September, 1785 —Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 24.

CHAPTER MCLXXI.

An ACT to re-establish the ancient Corporation of the borough of Bristol, in the county of Bucks.

SECT. I. [LETTERS patent to issue from the Executive Council, to re-establish the ancient corporation; and all the corporate privileges under the old charter vested in the new officers. The qualification of the electors and elected, prescribed.]

Passed 16th September, 1785.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. pa. 23:

CHAPTER MCLXXVI.

An ACT concerning divorces and alimony.

SECT. I. WHEREAS it is the design of marriage, and the wish of parties entering into that state, that it should continue during their joint lives, yet where the one party is under natural or legal incapacities of faithfully discharging the matrimonial vow, or is guilty of acts and deeds inconsistent with the nature thereof, the laws of every well regulated society ought to give relief to the innocent and injured person: Therefore,

SECT. II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That where a marriage hath been heretofore or shall hereafter be contracted and celebrated between any two persons, and it shall be adjudged, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, that either party at the time of the contract was and still is naturally impotent or incapable of procreation, or that he or she hath, knowingly, entered into a second marriage, in violation of the previous vow he or she made to the former wife or husband, whose marriage is still subsisting, or that either party hath committed adultery, or wilful and ma-

Causes of divorce from the bonds of matrimony.