

No. 27.

AN ACT

To change the name of a certain young lady therein named.

SECTION 1. *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* Clarissa Taylor, of the borough of Franklin, and State of Pennsylvania, is hereby authorized to change her name from Clarissa Taylor, to Clarissa Taylor Howe, and she shall be henceforth called and known by the name of Clarissa Taylor Howe; and by that name shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, to grant and receive property, and to do all other legal acts as effectually, to all intents and purposes, as she could have done under her former name, if no change had been made therein.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The sixteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 28.

AN ACT

To incorporate the borough of West Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. *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* all that portion of the township of Blockley, in the county of Philadelphia, commencing at the intersection of the western line of Hamilton village, and the Darby road; thence along the north westwardly curb line of said road, to the north side of Chestnut street; thence along the curb line on the north side of Chestnut street, to the river Schuylkill, at low water mark; thence northward along the said river to the north line of the property of the city of Philadelphia, on the north side of Washington or Market street continued; thence westwardly along the said north line to its western termination; thence southwardly along the western boundary of said city property, to the north line of Hugh M'Ilvain's property; thence westwardly along the north line of Hugh M'Ilvain's property, to

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the western boundary thereof; thence southwardly along the western boundary of Hugh M'Ilvain's property, to the south side of the Lancaster turnpike road; thence along the south side of said turnpike road, to the eastwardly line of the late Crean's estate; thence along the said eastwardly line of said late Crean's estate, southwardly, to the southwardly side of Green street; thence along the southwardly line thereof, to the westwardly line of Cedar lane; thence continuing the same course to the eastwardly line of Rose's estate; thence southwardly along the same to the westwardly line of Hamilton village; thence following the said westwardly line to its intersection with Darby road, the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby constituted and formed into a borough and a body corporate, to be styled, "the borough of West Philadelphia," and is hereby vested with all the rights, privileges, powers and immunities enjoyed and exercised by the late borough of West Philadelphia, under its charter, adjudged to be defective; and that all acts of assembly heretofore passed, referring to the borough of West Philadelphia, be, and the same are hereby continued in full force and effect, and extended and confined to the borough of West Philadelphia, hereby created: And the borough of West Philadelphia, as created by this act, shall constitute a separate election and municipal district; and all connection with Blockley township therewith, shall from henceforth cease and determine.

SECTION 2. That Henry Leech, H. G. Freeman, Jacob Broom, Richard M'Ilvain, James Hanna, James Twaddell, or a majority of them, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with full power and authority to collect, recover and receive of and from all persons indebted to the late borough of West Philadelphia, and who were so indebted at the time of the quashing the said borough by the decision of the supreme court of this commonwealth; all such sums of moneys as said borough would have been entitled to, if said defective charter had been legal, and after public notice for that purpose, made through two newspapers, published in the city of Philadelphia, to divide the same to and among such of the creditors of the said late borough as may substantiate their respective claims before the said commissioners, at the time to be designated by them for that purpose, as aforesaid, and after the collecting of so much of the said claims due to the said late borough, as they may believe it practicable to recover, then, with full power and authority, which is hereby invested in the said commissioners, to assess, levy and collect of, and from all the owners of property within the bounds of the said late borough of West Philadelphia, as said bounds were intended to be incorporated by the court of quarter sessions of the county of Philadelphia; and according to the assessment of the real estate within the said late borough, made for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, such amount of money as may be sufficient to pay in full any balance remaining due and unpaid, against the said late borough, together with all expenses and charges attending the execution of this act; and after paying such claims as may be substantiated, as aforesaid, the said commissioners shall settle in the court of common pleas of Philadelphia county, a full account of their doings in the premises; and said court is hereby vested with the same powers over the accounts of said commissioners, as are given to the courts over the accounts of assignees, under voluntary assignments, and may compel a settlement thereof, at any time, on the application of any person interested therein.

SECTION 3. That the assessment hereby authorized shall not exceed in any one year, fifteen cents in the hundred dollars, upon the said

assessment, of one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and that the whole amount to be assessed, levied and collected upon such real estate, shall not exceed in the whole, the sum of three thousand dollars, in any event : And in order to facilitate the collection of taxes already assessed and unpaid, and taxes which may be assessed by virtue of this act, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall appoint one or more collectors of said taxes, who shall have all the powers which collectors now have by law, in collecting county rates and levies ; and all suits necessary to be brought by said commissioners, to enforce the payment of debts or liens of any description, may be in the name of the late borough of West Philadelphia : And the proceedings of the court of quarter sessions of the county of Philadelphia, incorporating the said late borough of West Philadelphia, and all proceedings under said defective charter, are hereby declared to be legal and valid to all intents and purposes, so far as may be necessary to carry into full effect the intention and provisions of this act, and so far as said proceedings relates to officers of said late borough of West Philadelphia.

Amount limited.

Collectors.

Certain proceedings declared legal.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventeenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 29.

A N A C T

To confer on Catharine Pike the rights and benefits of a child born in lawful wedlock.

SECTION 1. *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 Catharine, now the wife of James Pike, and daughter of George Miller, of Northmoreland township, Wyoming county, shall have and enjoy all the rights and benefits of a child born in lawful wedlock ; and shall be able and capable in law to inherit and transmit all the estate, real, personal and mixed, of her said father, as fully and completely as if she had been born in lawful wedlock.*

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventeenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.