

of the reserved tract of land, at the mouth of Big Beaver creek, in Beaver county, as lies along the northern boundaries and eastern lines of said reserve, on the east side of the said creek, and adjoining the same as shall not exceed two hundred and twenty acres, be and is hereby granted to James Moore, at the price of one dollar and fifty cents, per acre, to be paid into the receiver-general's office of this commonwealth, in four equal yearly instalments; the first to be paid within one year after the passing of this act, and on receipt of the said first instalment, a warrant of survey shall be granted, and on receipt of the last payment above mentioned, it shall be lawful for the officers of the land-office and they are hereby directed to issue a patent to said James Moore, or to his legal representatives in usual form, he or they paying the fees of office.

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## CHAPTER MMCCCXIX.

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AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN ALEXANDER DICK AND CATHARINE HIS WIFE, LATE CATHARINE WOLF.

Whereas Catharine Dick, of the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, by her petition to the legislature, hath represented that about the month of April 1801, she was lawfully married to a certain Alexander Dick, who without the knowledge or privity of your petitioner and before her marriage with him, had been guilty of larceny, whereof he has been convicted at a court of oyer and terminer, and general jail delivery, held at Lancaster, for the county of Lancaster, on the second Monday of May, in the year of our Lord, 1801: And that the court, before whom the said Alexander, was convicted hath adjudged that he should pay a fine of three thousand four hundred and seventy-six dollars and sixty-seven cents, and undergo a servitude for eighteen calendar months, in the jail of Lancaster county, to be there-

in kept at hard labor or in solitude and in all things treated and dealt with as is prescribed by the acts of assembly of this state, in such case made and provided; pay the costs of prosecution, and stand committed till the whole of the sentence be complied with: That by the order and direction of the said court, the said Alexander Dick, hath been removed to the jail and penitentiary house, of the city and county of Philadelphia, where he now remains and will probably remain for life, as there is little chance of his ever being able to comply with the sentence or judgment of the court: That even if he should be released from his present confinement after what has passed, it would be in vain for her, the said Catharine, to expect any thing but misery in the extreme, by being obliged again to live with and be subject to a person so infamous and depraved, and that without the interference of the legislature, she cannot be relieved from the grievance under which she now suffers: And whereas, the foregoing statement of facts, hath been satisfactorily proved to the legislature, as well by a copy of the record of the court aforesaid, under the seal of said court, as otherwise, and it is but just and reasonable that an innocent and injured person should be released from the ties of matrimony, with a person so abandoned and depraved: 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 of the said Alexander Dick and Catharine his wife, late Catharine Wolf, be and the same hereby is declared to be annulled and void to all intents and purposes, whatsoever, and they are hereby respectively declared to be separate, set free and totally discharged from the matrimonial contract, and from all duties and obligations, arising therefrom, as fully, effectually and absolutely, as if they had never been joined in matrimony, any law, custom or usage to the contrary, notwithstanding.