

## CHAPTER XI.

*An ACT to dissolve the marriage contract between Samuel Swan and Hannah his wife.*

**W**HEREAS, Hannah Swan, of Northumberland county, by her petition to the legislature, hath represented, that in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, she was married to Samuel Swan, with whom she lived until the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one; that in the month of May, of the said year, the said Swan relinquished her, and never returned; and that the Samuel Swan, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, was married to and cohabits with another woman: And whereas, it appears by other testimony, that the Samuel Swan was actually intermarried and cohabit with another woman, and now or late residing in the state of Kentucky: Therefore,

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 the marriage contract of the said Samuel Swan and Hannah his wife 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;

The marriage contract of Samuel Swan & Hannah his wife annulled.

matrimony; any law, custom or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*

*of the House of Representatives.*

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*

*of the Senate.*

APPROVED—January the twentieth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*

*of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

## CHAPTER XII.

*An ACT in aid of the Northumberland Academy in the town and county of Northumberland.*

WHEREAS, it is represented to the legislature, that the trustees of Northumberland Academy have erected a building for that institution, but, owing to the failure of fundry principal subscribers, they are unable to finish the same, or discharge the debts already contracted; and the said trustees have prayed for legislative aid in the premises: And whereas, it is represented, that Doctor Joseph Priestly has the disposal of a valuable library of scarce and well-assorted books, in various branches of literature and science, which he is desirous and has the power of procuring as a gift to Northumberland Academy, provided that institution

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