with two fufficient furcties, to the Governor, in a fum not lefs than three thousand dollars, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of their respective trufts; which bond shall be deposited in the office of the faid prothonotary.

## SIMON SNYDER, Speaker

of the House of Representatives.

## **ROBERT WHITEHILL**, Speaker

### of the Senate.

AFPROVED—the fecond day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five.

## THOMAS M'KEAN, Governor

of the Commonwcalth of Pennfylvania.

#### CHAPTER XXXIV.

## An ACT diffolving the Marriage of Thomas Adkinfon and Rebecca his Wife.

WHEREAS it appears by the memorial and perition of Rebecca Adkinfon, late Rebecca Rittenhoufe, of Fayette county, fully fupported by official documents and authentic vouchers, that Thomas Adkinfon, (then of good character) and the faid Rebecca were lawfully joined in marriage on the twelfth day of November, anno domini one thoufand eight hundred and one: That in the month of May, anno domini one thoufand eight hundred and three, the faid Thomas was arrefted and committed to the jail of Fayette county, and at June term, in faid county, indicted of larceny; that faid Thomas having efcaped from faid prifon, the procefs that

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that iffued in confequence of the aforefaid indictment was, at the next term, returned " non est inventus :" That faid Thomas was, in the month of March, anno domini one thousand eight hundred and four, arraigned and convicted, in the court of quarter-feffions of the peace of Allegheny county, of divers felonies, and was thereupon fentenced and adjudged to undergo an imprisonment of five years in the penitentiary-houfe in Philadelphia, and otherwife to be dealt with as the law directs; in which prifon he now remains: And whereas it appears, that the conduct of the faid Thomas, from the month of May, one thousand eight hundred and three, to the prefent time, has been one continued fcene of vice, evincing a total dereliction of morality, and an entire neglect of his wife and tender infant, infomuch, that the faid Rebecca has loft all confidence in and affection for her faid hufband. and has prayed the Legislature to diffolve the marriage heretofore contracted between them : And whereas it appears, that the faid Rebecca is of good character, and that however enormous the conduct of her hufband has been, the existing laws do not authorise the courts of juftice to grant a divorce under these circumstances: Therefore.

The marriage contract of Thomas and Rebecca Adkinfon, diffolved. 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 entered into by the faid Thomas and Rebecca Adkinson, be, and the fame is hereby declared to be null and void, and the parties respectively set free and discharged from the marriage contract, and all the duties arising under the same, as fully and absolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage; but nothing

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nothing herein contained shall be construed to Provise in affect or render illegitimate any child or children favour of chil-born of the body of the faid Rebecca during ring the coverthe coverture.

> SIMON SNYDER, Speaker of the House of Representatives. **ROBERT** WHITEHILL, Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED-the fecond day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five.

THOMAS M'KEAN, Governor

of the Commonwealth of Penn/ylvania.

## CHAPTER XXXV.

An ACT authorifing the Governor to incorporate a Company for making an artificial Road from the River Schuylkill at Reading, in the County of Berks, to or near Hummel/lown, in the County of Dauphin.

BE it enabled by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Section 1. Commonwealth of Pennfylvania, in General As-sembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the fame, That Joseph Heister, Pe- Commissioners ter Frailey, John Huy, John Keim, fenior, appointed to open books 82 George Ege, Conrad Staugh, Chriftian Lower, receive fubof the county of Berks, and John Mayer, Phi-fcriptions to lip Greenawalt, Peter Shindle, David Kraufe, Dauphin turn-Henry Gilpin, Hoory Meyer, Abram Raguel, pike road. Vor. VII. Ľ Henry

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