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with two fufficient fureties, to the Governor, in a fum not lefs than three thoufand dollars, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of their refpective trufts; which bond fhall be depofited in the office of the faid prothonotary.

## SIMON SNYDER, Speaker

 of the Houfe of Reprefentatives. ROBERT WHITEHILL, Speaker of the Senate.Afrroved-the fecond day of March, in the year of our Lord one thoufand eight hundred and five.

THOMAS M•KEAN, Goverzor of the Commonzucalth of Pennfylvania.

## CHAPTER XXXIV.

An ACT diffolving the Marriage of Thomas Adkinfon and Rebecca bis Wijfe.

WHEREAS it appears by the memorial and petition of Rebecca Adkinion, late Rebecca Rittenhoufe, of Fayette county, fully fupported by official documents and authentic vouchers, that Thomas Adkinfon, (then of good character) and the foid Rebecca were lawfully joined in marriage on the twelth day of November, anno domini one thoufand cight hundred and one: That in the monih of May, anno domini one thoufand eight hundred and three, the faid Thomas was arrefled and committed to the jail of Fayette county, and at June term, in faid county, indiad of lerceny; that faid Thomas having efcaped from fuid prifon, the procefs that

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that iffued in confequence of the aforefaid in dictment was, at the next term, returned "c non ef inventus:" That faid Thomas was, in the month of March, anno domini one thoufand eight hundred and four, arraigned and convict$e d$, in the court of quarter.-feffions of the peace of Allegheny county, of divers felonies, and was thereupon fentenced and adjudged to undergo an imprifonment of five years in the peniten-tiary-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 thoufand 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 hulband, and has prayed the Legillature to diffolve the marriage heretofore coutracted 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 exifting laws do not authorife the courts of juftice to grant a divorce under thefe circumftances: Therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and Houle of Reprefentatives of the Commonwealth of Pemmflvania, in General Afembly met, and it is

The marri.ge contract of Thomas and Rebecca 1 d linfon, diffinlved. bereby enacted by the autbority of the fame, That the marriage contract entered into by the faid Thomas and Rebecca Adkinfon, be, and the fame is hereby declared to be null and void, and the parties refpectively fet free and difcharged from the marriage contrack, and all the duties arifing under the fame, as fully and abfolutely as if they had never been joined in marriage; but nothing

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nothing herein contained fhall be conftrued to provifo in affect or render illegitimate any child or children favour of chint- dren born duborn of the body of the faid Rebecca during ring fine bove duthe coverture.

## SIMON SNYDER, Speaker

of tbe Houfe of Reprefentatives.

## ROBERT WHITEHILLL, speaker

of the Senate.
Approved-the fecond day of March in the year of our Lord one thoufand eight hundred and five.

# THOMAS M‘KEAN, Governor 

 of the Commonzeealth of Pennfylvania.
## CHAPTER XXXV.

An ACT auiborising the Governor to incorporate a Company for making an artificial Road from the River Scbuylkill at Reading, inn the Ciounty of Berks, to or near Hummel/bwow, in the County of Dauppin.

Section 1. E it enacted by the Senate and 1) Houfe of Riprefentatives of the Commonwealth of Penifylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is bereby enacted by the authority of the fame, That Jofeph Heifter, Pe- commintorars ter Frailey, John Huy, John Keim, fenior, appunated to George Ege, Conrad Staugh, Chrittian Lower, receive fubof the county of Berks, and John Mayer, Phin feriptions to lip Creenawalt, Peter Shindle, David Kraule, the Derphins turath Henry Gilpin, Jabory Meyer, Abram Raguel, pike ood. Vor. VII. L Lenry

