

Alexander Kidd shall be and they are hereby henceforth respectively declared to be separated, set free and totally discharged from their matrimonial contract, and from all duties and obligations to each other as wife and husband, as fully, effectually and absolutely to all intents and purposes, as if they had never been joined in matrimony, or by any other contract whatsoever, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed March 22, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 278, etc.

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CHAPTER MLXXXIII.

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AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE OF LEONARD ECKSTINE, OF THE COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, AND MARY, HIS WIFE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Leonard Eckstine of the county of Westmoreland, farmer, hath presented a petition to this house setting forth that Mary his wife, late Mary Shipler, had been unfaithful to his bed, and had committed adultery with divers persons; and praying for leave to bring in a bill for the dissolution of his marriage with her:

And whereas it appears to this house, by the report of their committee appointed to inquire into the truth of the charges alleged in the petition of the said Leonard Eckstine, that the said Mary hath not only been guilty of repeated acts of adultery, but hath eloped from the bed and board of the said Leonard Eckstine and lived in open and avowed prostitution for several years.

And whereas this house did on the twenty-ninth day of November last give leave to the said Leonard Eckstine to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer of his petition he giving notice thereof at least six weeks in one or more of the newspapers printed in this city and it hath been proved to this house that notice hath been given accordingly;

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the marriage of the said Leonard Eckstine with the said Mary be, and the same is hereby declared to be dissolved and annulled to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever; and the said Leonard Eckstine and the said Mary shall be and they are hereby declared respectively to be separated, set free and totally discharged from their matrimonial contract, and from all duties and obligations to each other as husband and wife, as fully, effectually and absolutely to all intents and purposes, as if they never had been joined in matrimony, or by any other contract whatever, any law, usage or custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

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#### CHAPTER MLXXXIV.

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AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE OF ROBERT STEWARD, OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, MARINER, AND CATHARINE, HIS WIFE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Robert Steward, of the city of Philadelphia, mariner, hath presented a petition to the general assembly of this state, setting forth that Catharine his wife, late Catharine Kinchley had been unfaithful to his bed, and had committed adultery with divers persons, praying leave to bring in a bill for dissolving his marriage with her the said Catharine:

And whereas it appears to this house by the affidavits laid before the committee appointed to hear the parties, which affidavits accompany the report of the said committee to this house, that the facts alleged in the said petition are true, and