

by the authority of the same, That the accounting officers be, and they are hereby directed to settle the accounts of the said Robina Dunlap, at the rate of three dollars thirty-three cents a month, from the fourth day of December, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, until the twenty-first day of September, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, together with lawful interest thereon; and the amount shall be paid out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury of this commonwealth, on a warrant to be drawn by the governor in favor of the said Robina Dunlap, or her legal representative.

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## CHAPTER MMLVII.

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### AN ACT DIRECTING THE SALE OF CERTAIN TOWN LOTS IN THE TOWN OF BEAVER, AND OTHER LAND ADJACENT THERETO.

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 John Laurence, of the borough of Beaver, Samuel Wilson and David Potter, of the county of Beaver, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of, at public sale, on or before the second Wednesday of June next, one-fourth of the town lots, the property of this commonwealth, in the town of Beaver, in the county of Beaver, excepting those heretofore reserved for public uses; and also to sell, as aforesaid, one fourth of the reserved tract of land at the mouth of Big Beaver Creek; to be sold in lots of not less than five or more than ten acres each, in such manner as to them, or a majority of them, may appear to be most advantageous to the commonwealth; public notice of the said sale being previously given, at least six weeks before the day of sale, in one newspaper printed in Philadelphia, one in Washington, and one in Pittsburgh; and on the day appointed for the sale of the said lots, the

said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall attend and publish the conditions of the sale, which shall be as follows, viz. One moiety of the purchase money shall be paid on the day of sale, to the commissioners, or one of them, or within ten days thereafter; and the other moiety thereof in two years thereafter to the receiver general; at which time a patent or patents shall be issued to the purchaser or purchasers of the lots so sold: Provided, that every such purchaser shall, within three years from the time of sale, build or cause to be built on such town lot, so sold as aforesaid, a house of at least one story high, measuring not less than twenty-four feet by eighteen, having a chimney therein, and fit for the accommodation of a family, otherwise the money paid shall be forfeited, and the lot or lots so remaining unimproved shall again revert to the commonwealth.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That previously to the said sales, the surveyor general of this commonwealth shall, and he is hereby required to transmit to the said commissioners, or to one of them, a draft of the said lots; and the said commissioners, on the completion of the said sales, shall transmit a statement thereof, and the monies arising therefrom, to the receiver general, and the drafts of the said lots to the surveyor general; for which services, and all others enjoined on them by this act, the said commissioners shall each of them receive two dollars a day, for each and every day they may be employed in performing the duties enjoined on them by this act; for which daily pay, and the costs and charges of advertising the said lots, the governor is hereby empowered to draw a warrant on the state-treasurer, who shall pay the same out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury of this commonwealth.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each of the said commissioners, before he enters on the duties enjoined on him by this act, shall, before the prothonotary of the county of Beaver, give bond, with two sufficient sureties, to the governor, in a sum not less than three thousand dollars, conditioned for the

true and faithful performance of their respective trusts; which bond shall be deposited in the office of the said prothonotary.

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## CHAPTER MDLVIII.

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### AN ACT DISSOLVING THE MARRIAGE OF THOMAS ADKINSON AND REBECCA, HIS WIFE.

Whereas it appears by the memorial and petition of Rebecca Adkinson, late Rebecca Rittenhouse, of Fayette county, fully supported by official documents and authentic vouchers, that Thomas Adkinson, (then of good character) and the said Rebecca were lawfully joined in marriage on the twelfth day of November, anno domini one thousand eight hundred and one; that in the month of May, anno domini one thousand eight hundred and three, the said Thomas was arrested and committed to the jail of Fayette county, and at June term, in said county, indicted of larceny; that said Thomas having escaped from said prison, the process issued in consequence of the aforesaid indictment was, at the next term, returned "non est inventus;" that said Thomas was in the month of March, anno domini one thousand eight hundred and four, arraigned and convicted, in the court of quarter sessions of the peace of Allegheny county, of divers felonies, and was thereupon sentenced and adjudged to undergo an imprisonment of five years in the penitentiary house in Philadelphia, and otherwise to be dealt with as the law directs; in which prison he now remains: And whereas it appears, that the conduct of the said Thomas from the month of May, one thousand eight hundred and three, to the present time, has been one continued scene of vice evincing a total dereliction of morality, and an entire neglect of his wife and tender infant, insomuch that the said Rebecca has lost all confidence in and affection for her said husband and has prayed the legislature to dissolve the marriage heretofore contracted between them: And whereas it appears that the said Rebecca is of good character,