

by the authority of the same, That the sum of two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of the arrearages of state taxes due this commonwealth from the county of Chester, to the improvement of that part of the state road leading from Philadelphia through West Chester to Strasburg, which lies within the county of Chester; to be recovered, received and expended, by the commissioners of the county of Chester, in such manner as they shall deem most conducive to the general interest, in repairing the part of the aforesaid road which lies in the county aforesaid; and that the further sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated, out of the arrearages of state taxes due from the county of Delaware, as originally part of the county of Chester, for the purpose of building and repairing bridges in the county of Delaware, in such manner as the commissioners of the said county shall direct.

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CHAPTER MMCLXXIX.

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN ALEXANDER KERR AND RUTH, HIS WIFE.

Whereas Ruth Kerr, of Washington county, by her petition to the Legislature, hath represented that in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five she was married to Alexander Kerr, with whom she lived in a miserable situation (being often beaten and her life frequently threatened) until the year one thousand eight hundred and three, when the said Alexander Kerr deserted her, with four small children, and has not afforded her any subsistence, and that though the said Ruth might possibly obtain a divorce by application to the court, yet that she is unable by reason of poverty, to pay the expenses incident thereto, and therefore prays legislative aid, and it being just and reasonable that relief should be afforded in such cases: Therefore,

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the marriage of the said Alexander Kerr and Ruth Kerr, be, and the same is hereby annulled to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and they are hereby set free and totally discharged from the said matrimonial contract, and from all duties and obligations arising therefrom, as fully and absolutely as if they had never been joined in matrimony.

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CHAPTER MMCMLXXX.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN AUCTION STORE IN THE BOROUGH OF LANCASTER.

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 an auction store shall be, and the same is hereby established in and for the borough of Lancaster; and the governor shall appoint not more than two auctioneers therefor, and the same shall be in all respects regulated and be liable to similar duties, as is directed by law with respect to the city of Philadelphia; and the auctioneers shall be entitled to the like commissions, shall give security, and be subject to account, in such manner as is directed with respect to the auctioneers of the city of Philadelphia: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit any sheriff, constable or other officer, to sell and dispose of, by way of vendue, any goods and chattels, wares or merchandises, taken in execution and liable to be sold by order of law; or to hinder any person or persons from selling or exposing to sale by public vendue, or otherwise, any goods or chattels of any kind whatsoever, taken and dis-