

1882, ch. 385.

**16.** In all cases of leases or sub-leases of land for a definite term, or for a term of years renewable forever, made after May 3, 1882, where the term created by said lease or sub-lease shall have become, or may hereafter become, vested in a married woman, either by deed or will or operation of law, she shall be bound by, and liable on all the covenants in said lease or sub-lease, which run with the land, the same as if she was *feme sole*.

1880, ch. 253.

**17.** No husband shall be liable in any manner for any debts of his wife contracted, or for any claims or demands against her arising prior to marriage, but she and her property shall remain liable therefor in the same manner as if the marriage had not taken place.

*Ibid.*

**18.** Proceedings at law or in equity, according to the nature of such debts, claims or demands, may be taken against such married woman, notwithstanding her coverture in her married name, joining her husband therein as a defendant; but no judgment or decree shall pass against the husband or his estate, but such judgment or decree shall be passed against the wife only; and it shall operate only upon her estate held and owned by her prior or subsequent to said marriage.

*Ibid.*

**19.** Any married woman, against whom any proceeding may be taken under the two preceding sections, shall have power to appoint an attorney at law to act for her in such proceeding, if she shall elect so to do; said sections shall not apply to cases pending on April 10, 1880.