

tract between Lewis Porter and Sophia Porter, is hereby declared to be annulled and destroyed, and the authority, power and control, of the said Lewis Porter, over and to the person and property of Sophia Porter his wife, shall henceforth cease and determine, and all the rights which the said Lewis Porter acquired by the said marriage contract, and all liabilities for the debts of his said wife arising from the said marriage, shall henceforth utterly cease and determine; and the said Sophia Porter is hereby declared to be divorced from her husband Lewis Porter, as entirely, and to as full extent, as if the said Lewis Porter were dead, or as if she, the said Sophia Porter, had never been joined in matrimony with him.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Sophia Porter shall be and she is hereby declared capable to have, hold, take, receive, sue for and recover, by compromise, suit or suits in law or equity, property of any kind, whether real, personal or mixed, in as full and ample a manner as if she were, and had always been, a *feme sole*, and to hold, use and enjoy the same, for her own use and benefit, and the same to dispose of according to her will and pleasure, without the let, hindrance, molestation, interference or consent, of her husband Lewis Porter, in as full and ample manner as if she were, and always had been, a *feme sole*, and may in her own name sue and be sued at law and in equity.

Sophia Porter entitled to privileges of a feme sole

3. *And be it enacted*, That the name of the said Sophia Porter is hereby changed and altered unto the name of Sophia Hooker, and she shall at all times hereafter be called and known by, and hold and use the name of, Hooker only, and by such name shall sue and be sued in any court of law or equity.

Her name changed

4. *And be it enacted*, That all securities, promises, contracts, assurances, deeds, and lawful acts whatsoever, hereafter to be made and done by and to the said Sophia Porter, by the name of Sophia Hooker, shall be of the same force, validity and effect, and of equal avail, to all intents and purposes, as if the name of Sophia Hooker had been the true and proper name of the said Sophia Porter from her birth, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Lawful acts hereafter made to be valid

5. *And be it enacted*, That the said Sophia Porter shall be, and she is hereby declared to be, entitled to the care, custody and guardianship of any and every child or children of the said marriage, without the control in any manner of the said Lewis Porter.

To have the guardianship of her children

CHAP. XCIII.

An Act to divorce James Bosworth, and Mary Amanda his wife, of the City of Baltimore. Passed Feb 20, 1827

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the marriage between James Bosworth, of the city of Baltimore, and Mary Amanda, the infant daughter of Alexander Sandford, of the same place, under the age of sixteen, lately solemnized without the consent or knowledge of her said parent, contrary to the provisions of the act of February session 1777, chapter 12, be and the same is from henceforth and forever absolutely annulled and declared to be void *ab initio*, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had never been solemnized, and

Marriage annulled