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now living; that about nine years ago the said Vincent went to sea, and has been absent from the said Elizabeth ever since, although he has been often, as she is informed, in the United States since his departure; that the said Elizabeth was left in indigent circumstances, charged with the care, burthen and maintenance of four children, and has received no support from the said Vincent since his departure; that from an affidavit annexed to her petition, she has just cause to believe that he has since his departure again married; that the said Elizabeth since the departure of her husband, fell heir to a small real estate in Caroline county, which has been levied on and sold by the sheriff of Caroline to satisfy and pay a judgment rendered against the said Vincent; that the said Elizabeth can obtain a re-conveyance of this land, provided she can obtain a divorce and thereby prevent its being again sold to satisfy other claims which may have been contracted by the said Vincent, unknown to her; and praying that a law may pass annulling her marriage with the said Vincent P. Taylor:

*Therefore,*

Divorced.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the marriage of the said Vincent P. Taylor, and Elizabeth his wife, heretofore solemnized be, and the same is hereby declared to be absolutely and to all intents and purposes null and void, and the said Vincent P. Taylor, and Elizabeth his wife, are hereby declared to be divorced *a vinculo matrimonii*: Provided always, That nothing in this act shall be construed to illegitimate any issue of the said Vincent P. Taylor, and Elizabeth his wife, born prior to this act.

Proviso.

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CHAPTER 169.

Passed Dec. 29, 1812. *An act to lay out and open a road in Anne-Arundel county.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, that they are subject to great inconvenience for want of a public road leading from Anne-Arundel Manor to West River: *Therefore,*

Commissioners—its width and direction—plot.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Edward Hall, (of West River,) Gassaway Pindell, Thomas Sellman, Benjamin Allein and John Thomas, of Anne-Arundel county, be, and they are hereby appointed commis-