CAP. XXXII.

An Act further to amend the Procedure and Powers of the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes. [11th *June* 1866.]

20 & 21 Vict. c. 85.

'WHEREAS by the Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes in* England, it is by the Thirty-second Section enacted, "that the Court may, on pronouncing any Decree for "a Dissolution of Marriage, order that the Husband shall to the Satisfaction of the Court "secure to the Wife such gross or annual Sum of Money as to the Court may seem "reasonable, and for that Purpose may refer it to One of the Conveyancing Counsel of "the Court of Chancery to settle and approve of a proper Deed to be executed by all "necessary Parties:"

'And whereas it sometimes happens that a Decree for a Dissolution of Marriage is obtained against a Husband who has no Property on which the Payment of any such gross or annual Sum can be secured, but nevertheless he would be able to make a monthly or weekly Payment to the Wife during their joint Lives:'

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Power to order monthly or weekly Payments to Wife from Husband on Dissolution of Marriage.

1. In every such Case it shall be lawful for the Court to make an Order on the Husband for Payment to the Wife during their joint Lives of such monthly or weekly Sums for her Maintenance and Support as the Court may think reasonable: Provided always, that if the Husband shall afterwards from any Cause become unable to make such Payments it shall be lawful for the Court to discharge or modify the Order, or temporarily to suspend the same as to the whole or any Part of the Money so ordered to be paid, and again to revive the same Order, wholly or in part, as to the Court may seem fit.

In Cases of Opposition on certain Grounds.

2. In any Suit instituted for Dissolution of Marriage, if the Respondent shall oppose the Relief sought on the Ground in case of such a Suit instituted by a Husband of his Adultery, Cruelty, or Desertion, or in case of such a Suit instituted by a Wife on the Ground of her Adultery or Cruelty, the Court may in such Suit give to the Respondent, on his or her Application, the same Relief to which he or she would have been entitled in case he or she had filed a Petition seeking such Relief.

Decree Nisi not absolute till after 6 Months.

3. No Decree Nisi for a Divorce shall be made absolute until after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months from the pronouncing thereof, unless the Court shall under the Power now vested in it fix a shorter Time.

CAP. XXXIII.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under "The Land Drainage Act, 1861." [11th *June* 1866.]

24 & 25 Vict. c 133.

'WHEREAS the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales* have, in pursuance of "The Land Drainage Act, 1861," duly made the Provisional Order contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and it is by the said Act provided that no such Order shall be of any Validity whatever until such Order shall have been confirmed by Parliament, and it is expedient that the said Order should be so confirmed:'

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