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Diffolve the Marriage of *John Worgan* with
Sarah Mackelcan his now Wife, and to
 Enable him to marry again, and for other
 Purposes therein mentioned.

HUMBL Y Sheweth and Complaineth to Your Most
 Excellent MAJESTY, your True and Loyal Subject
John Worgan, of the Parish of *Saint Andrew, Holborn*,
 in the County of *Middlesex*, Gentleman, That some
 Time in the Month of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One
 thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-three, your said Subject was
 married to *Sarah Mackelcan* his now Wife, and there are Eight
 Children of the said Marriage now living :

THAT some Time in or about the Year One thousand Seven
 hundred and Sixty-two your said Subject's said Wife entered into and
 carried on an unlawful Familiarity and adulterous Conversation with
 one *Robert Rowe*, and your said Subject hath not since some Time
 in or about the latter End of the Month of *February*, in the
 Year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-eight (when your

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said

faid Subject first came to the Knowledge thereof) cohabited, or
had any Intercourse with the faid *Sarah* his Wife:

THAT your faid Subject, having exhibited a Libel in the
Consistory Court of the Bishop of *London* against the faid *Sarah*
his Wife, did, on the Sixth Day of *December* last, obtain in the
said Court a definitive Sentence of Divorce from Bed and Board,
and mutual Cohabitation against his faid Wife, for Adultery
committed by her with the faid *Robert Rowe*, who died on or
about the Eighth Day of *November*, in the Year One thousand
Seven hundred and Sixty-seven, in his Majesty's Prison of the
Fleet; and from which Sentence there hath been no Appeal:

Forasmuch therefore as your faid Subject's faid Wife hath by
her adulterous Behaviour dissolved the Bond of Marriage on her
Part, and your faid Subject stands deprived of the Comforts of
Matrimony, and may be liable to have a spurious Issue imposed
on him to succeed to his Estate and Fortune, unless the said
Marriage be declared null and void by Authority of Parliament;

May it therefore please Your Most Excellent MAJESTY,

(Out of your Princely Goodness and Compassion to the faid
Misfortune and Calamity of your faid Subject)

That it may be Enacted; And be it Enacted, by the KING'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,
That the said Bond of Matrimony being violated and broken by
the manifest Adultery of the faid *Sarah*, be and is from hence-
forth wholly dissolved, annulled, vacated, and made void, to all
Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever; and that it shall
and may be lawful to and for the faid *John Worgan*, at any Time
or Times hereafter, to contract Matrimony, and to marry (as
well in the Life-time of the faid *Sarah*, as if she was naturally
dead) with any other Woman or Women with whom he
might lawfully marry in case the faid *Sarah* was not living;
and that such Marriages, when had and celebrated, shall be good,
just, and lawful, and so shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken, to
all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes; and that all and every
Child and Children, born in such Matrimony, shall be deemed
adjudged, and taken to be born in lawful Wedlock, and to be

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legitimate and inheritable to, and shall inherit, and be capable of inheriting, all the Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, of, from, and by his, her, and their Father, Mother, and other Ancestors, in like Manner and Form as any other Child or Children born in lawful Matrimony shall or may or could or might inherit, or be inheritable unto, according to the Course of Inheritance used in this Realm, or in any of his Majesty's Dominions thereunto belonging; and to have and enjoy all Privileges, Pre-eminences, Benefits, and Advantages, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, in as full and ample Manner as any other Child or Children born in lawful Wedlock can or may have or claim by the Laws and Customs of this Kingdom, or of any of his Majesty's Dominions thereunto belonging.

And be it further Enacted, That the said *John Worgan* shall be intitled to be Tenant by the Courtesy of the Lands and Hereditaments of such Wife or Wives as he shall so hereafter marry; and that such Wife or Wives as he shall so marry shall, unless barred by a Jointure or otherwise, be intitled to Dower of the Lands and Tenements, whereof the said *John Worgan* shall be seised of such Estate, whereof she or they shall be dowable, as any other Husband or Wife respectively may or might claim, have, or enjoy; and that the Child or Children born in any such Marriage or Marriages, shall and may derive and make Title by Descent, or otherwise, to and from any of his, her, or their Ancestors, as any other Child or Children born in lawful Wedlock can or may do; any Law, Statute, Restraint, Prohibition, Ordinance, Canon, Constitution, Prescription, or Custom, had made, exercised, or used, to the contrary of the Premises, or any of them, in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That no Child, or Children, which at any Time after the First Day of *January* One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-nine shall be born of the Body of the said *Sarah*, shall be deemed, taken, or reputed to be the lawful Issue of the said *John Worgan*, on the Body of the said *Sarah* begotten.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *Sarah* shall be and is hereby barred and excluded of and from all Dower and Thirds, and of and from all Right and Title of Dower and Thirds, or other Claim or Demand, in, to, or out of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of the said *John Worgan*.