

No. 99.

AN ACT

To organize the provisional county of Jefferson for judicial purposes.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the first day of October next, the inhabitants of the county of Jefferson shall enjoy all and singular the jurisdictions, powers, rights, liberties and privileges whatsoever within the same, which the inhabitants of other counties of this state do, may or ought to enjoy by the laws and constitution of this commonwealth.

Organization
To take effect from 1st
October
next.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the county of Jefferson shall be attached to and form a part of the fourth judicial district, until otherwise ordered by law, and that the judges of the supreme court, and the president of the fourth judicial district, and the associate judges to be appointed in the said county of Jefferson, shall have like powers, jurisdictions and authorities within the same, as are or may be warranted to and exercised by the judges in the other counties of this commonwealth, and the said county of Jefferson is hereby annexed to the western district of the supreme court of this commonwealth.

County at-
tached to the
4th judicial
district,

and to west-
ern district
of supreme
court.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the citizens and inhabitants of the said county of Jefferson, who are or shall be qualified to vote agreeably to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, shall at the first general election to be held on the second Tuesday in October next, at their respective election districts, choose two fit persons for sheriffs, two for coroners, and all other officers necessary to be elected for the said county of Jefferson, in the same manner and under the same rules, regulations and penalties as by the laws of this commonwealth similar officers are chosen in other counties, and said officers when chosen as aforesaid and duly qualified to enter on the duties of their respective offices, shall have and enjoy all and singular the powers, authorities, privileges and emoluments, in or any way arising out of their respective offices, in and for the county aforesaid, as fully as such officers are entitled to in any other county within this commonwealth, and it shall and is hereby declared lawful for all the public officers of the said county of Jefferson, from and

Election of
sheriffs, cor-
oners, &c.

- Duties to commence. after the first day of October next, to do, perform and exercise all the duties of their respective offices, in as full and ample manner as if the several courts should be opened on that day by the president and judges of the same, and any process that may issue returnable to the first term in said county, shall bear test as of the first day of October next.
- Process returnable to 1st term. 1st Oct.
- Time of holding courts. **SECT. 4.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace, and orphans' court for the county of Jefferson, shall from and after the first day of October next, commence and be holden on the first Monday after the courts in Clearfield county.
- Relative to the transfer of suits. **SECT. 5.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all suits which shall be pending and undetermined in the court of common pleas of Indiana county on the first day of October next, when the defendant or defendants in such suit or suits shall at that time be resident in Jefferson county, shall be transferred to the court of common pleas of Jefferson county, and shall be considered as pending in said court, and shall be proceeded on in like manner as if the same had been originally commenced in said court, except that the fees thereon due to the officers in Indiana county, shall be paid to them when recovered by the prothonotary or sheriff of Jefferson county, and the prothonotary of Indiana county shall procure a docket and copy therein all the docket entries respecting the said suits to be transferred as aforesaid, and shall on or before the fourth Monday in November next, have the said docket, together with the records, declarations and other papers respecting said suits, ready to be delivered to the prothonotary of Jefferson county, the expense of said docket and copying to be paid by the prothonotary of Jefferson county, and reimbursed by the said county of Jefferson on warrants to be drawn by the commissioners of Jefferson county on the treasury thereof.
- Docket, &c. **SECT. 6.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of Jefferson county and they are hereby required, as soon as they may deem it expedient, to erect or cause to be erected, on such part of the public square in the town of Brookville as they may deem best suited thereto, a court house and offices for the safe keeping of the papers and records of the said county, and until such court house is erected, the courts of justice shall be opened and held in such house in said county as the judges and commissioners may obtain for that purpose.
- Expenses how paid. **SECT. 7.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sheriff, coroner, and other public officers of
- Erection of court house, &c.

Indiana county shall continue to exercise the duties of their respective offices within the county of Jefferson until similar officers are appointed and elected agreeably to law, within and for the said county of Jefferson.

Jurisdiction
of sheriff, &c.
of Indiana co.
in Jefferson.

SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sheriffs and coroners of the said county of Jefferson before they enter on the duties of their offices shall give security in like sums as similar officers do in the county of Indiana, and in the same manner, and under the restrictions as similar officers are compelled to do in the several counties of this commonwealth.

Security, &c.
of new offi-
cers.

SECT. 9. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the seat of justice for the county of Jefferson shall be and the same is established and confirmed at the mouth of the north fork of Sandy Lick creek, in the county of Jefferson, and it shall be the duty of the commissioners of said county to demand and receive from John Pickering, esquire, a sufficient deed or deeds in fee simple, in trust to them and their successors in office for the use of said county for all the lands or lots which the said John Pickering, esquire, has agreed to give for the purpose of aiding in the erection of public buildings, agreeably to the act of the general assembly of the eighth day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, entitled an act authorising the appointment of commissioners to fix a proper site for the seat of justice in Jefferson county, and also for one public square in the said town of Brookville for the purpose of erecting public buildings thereon, and the said commissioners shall procure the said deed or deeds when recorded in the office for recording of deeds in the county of Indiana, to be recorded in the proper books directed to be kept for the county of Jefferson, and the said commissioners and their successors in office or a majority of them shall and are hereby authorised to sell and dispose of the said lands or lots aforesaid, and to make and execute deeds to the purchasers and the monies arising from such sales shall be by them applied to the erection of public buildings for the use of the said county of Jefferson.

Seat of Jus-
tice estab-
lished.

Deeds to
county.

To be re-
corded, &c.

Commission-
ers to apply
proceeds of
sales to pub-
lic buildings.

SECT. 10. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said commissioners shall, as soon as may be, proceed to lay out the said town of Brookville, and file a draught and return of the survey of the said town together with the proceedings under and by virtue of this act, in the office for recording of deeds in and for the county of Jefferson; and an exemplification of the same

Plan of the
town of
Brookville,

shall be evidence in all matters of controversy touching the same,

FRED'K SMITH, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives*.

WM. G. HAWKINS,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the second day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 100.

AN ACT

To authorise the Governor to incorporate a company for the purpose of erecting a permanent bridge over the river Conemaugh, at or near Clark's ferry, on the road leading from Indiana, through Abnerville, to Ligonier, in Westmoreland county.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,*

Commissioners to open books, &c.

That Archibald Johnston, George Heist and Thomas White, of Indiana county, and Jacob D. Mathiot, Abraham Horback and Paul Clarke, of the county of Westmoreland, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to perform the duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, they shall on or before the first day of June next, provide one or more books for the entering of subscriptions, and shall write therein as follows: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers and company for erecting a bridge over the Conemaugh, at a point between Clark's ferry and Lockport, in the county of Westmoreland, the sum of twenty-five dollars for every share of stock in the said company set opposite to our names, in such manner and proportions, and at such times as shall be determined by the president and managers, in pursuance of an act of the general assembly, entitled "An act to authorise the Governor to incorporate a company for the purpose of erecting a permanent bridge over the river Co-

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