

thirty, containing two hundred acres, and released to the Commonwealth by said John Thompson, on the sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SAM'L. ANDERSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

THO'S. RINGLAND,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The eighth day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 142.

AN ACT

Provisionally to organize the county of Potter, and for other 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 September, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five, the inhabitants of the county of Potter shall be entitled to, and have all and singular the courts, jurisdictions, offices, powers, rights and privileges to which the inhabitants of other counties in this state are entitled by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Organization to take effect on 1st Sept. 1835.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the first day of September, in the year aforesaid, the inhabitants of the said county shall elect under the same laws, rules and regulations as the inhabitants of other counties in this state now do or may, such officers as by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth they are entitled to elect, who shall within the said county have and exercise the like power, authority and privileges, and perform the said duties which the like officers in other counties of this state now have, exercise and perform.

Election of and authority to county officers.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sheriff, coroner, treasurer, prothonotary, and all such officers as are by law required to give security for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, who shall after the said first day of September, in the year aforesaid, be elected or appointed in the said county, before

Surety of sheriff, coroner, treasurer, &c.

they or any of them shall enter on the execution thereof, shall give sufficient surety in the same manner and form, and for the same uses, trusts and purposes as such officers, for the time being, are subject by law to give in the other counties of this Commonwealth.

Officers of  
M'Kean to  
act until offi-  
cers of Potter  
are qualified.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sheriff, coroner, and other officers of the county of McKean, who now or shall for the time being perform duties within the said county of McKean, shall continue to perform the same until similar officers shall be elected or appointed, and qualified agreeably to law to act within the said county.

Authority of  
courts.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the said first day of September, in the year aforesaid, the judges of the Supreme Court, the president of the said judicial district hereinafter mentioned, and the associate judges to be appointed in and for the said county of Potter, shall have and exercise like powers, jurisdictions and authority within the same county, as by law they are vested with, and entitled to have and exercise in other counties of this state, and all process that shall be made returnable to the first term in the said county, shall bear test, as of the first day of September, in the year aforesaid.

Return of  
process.

Transfer of  
suits from  
M'Kean to  
Potter.

SECT. 6. *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 McKean county, on the said first day of September, in the year aforesaid, when both parties shall be residents of the said county of Potter shall be transferred to the court of Common Pleas of the said county of Potter, and shall be considered as pending in the said court, and shall be proceeded in like manner as if the same had been originally commenced in said court, except that the fees in the same due to the officers of McKean county shall be paid to them when recovered by the prothonotary or sheriff of the said county of Potter; and the prothonotary of M'Kean county shall, on or before the first day of September, in the year aforesaid, purchase a docket, and copy therein all such entries respecting the said suits to be transferred as aforesaid, and shall, on or before the said first day of September, in the year aforesaid, have the said docket, together with the records, declarations, and other papers respecting said suits so entered therein, ready to be delivered to the prothonotary, to be appointed for the said county of Potter, the expenses of the said docket and copying to be paid by the treasurer of the said county, upon a warrant to be drawn upon him by the commissioners of the said county.

Prothonotary  
of M'Kean co.,  
to prepare a  
docket for  
Potter.

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be lawful for the commissioners of the said county of Potter, and they are hereby required as soon

as they may deem it expedient, to erect or cause to be erected, on such parts of the public ground in the town of Cowdersport, as they may deem best suited thereto, a court house, jail and other offices, for the safe keeping of the public papers and records of the said county, and until such court house is erected the courts of justice hereinbefore directed to be held in the said county, shall be opened and held in such building in the said town of Cowdersport as the said commissioners may obtain for that purpose.

Erection of public buildings in Cowdersport authorized.

Comm'rs to obtain temporary court house.

SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the said first day of September, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, the said county of Potter and the counties of M'Kean, Warren and Jefferson, shall be formed into a separate judicial district, to be called the eighteenth district, and a person of integrity, learned in the law, shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be president and judge of the courts of Common Pleas within the said district, which president shall receive the like salary and have and execute all and singular the powers, jurisdictions and authority of president and judge of the court of Common Pleas, court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Orphans' Court, and justice of the court of Quarter Sessions of the peace, agreeably to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth; the courts in Potter county shall be held on the first Mondays of February, May, September and December of each year; the courts in McKean county on the first Mondays after those in Potter county; the courts in Warren county the first Mondays after the courts in McKean county, and the courts in Jefferson county on the first Monday after the courts in Warren county, the courts in each county to continue one week if necessary.

Formation of the 18th judicial district authorized.

Composed of Potter, M'Kean, Warren, and Jefferson counties.

Time of holding respective courts.

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APPROVED—The eighth day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

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No. 143.

### AN ACT

Relating to the descent and distribution of the estates of intestates.

SECT. 1. *It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General As-*