

Carbondale, in Schuylkill county, to Daniel Herb's tavern in Northumberland county, and for other purposes.

SAM'L. ANDERSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THO'S. RINGLAND,

Speaker of the Senate.

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

GEO. WOLF.



No. 174.

AN ACT

To abolish imprisonment for debt, 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 the costs on appeals hereafter entered, from the judgments of justices of the peace and aldermen, shall abide the event of the suit, and be paid by the unsuccessful party as in other cases: *Provided,* That if the plaintiff be the appellant, he shall pay all costs which may accrue on the appeal, if in the event of the suit he shall not recover a greater sum, or a more favorable judgment than was rendered by the justice: *And provided also,* That if the defendant, either on the trial of the cause before the justice or referees, or before an appeal is taken, shall offer to give the plaintiff a judgment for the amount which the defendant shall admit to be due, which offer it shall be the duty of the justice and of the referees to enter on the record, and if the said plaintiff, or his agent, shall not accept such offer, then and in that case, if the defendant shall appeal, the plaintiff shall pay all the costs which shall accrue on the appeal, if he shall not in the event of the suit recover a greater amount than that for which the defendant offered to give a judgment, and in both cases the defendant's bill shall be taxed and paid by the plaintiff, in the same manner as if a judgment had been rendered in court for the defendant.

Costs on appeals from judgments of justices to abide event.

Proviso. When plaintiff is the appellant.

2d proviso. When defendant offers a judgment before appeal.

Duty of justices, &c.

Repealing clause.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of any act of Assembly as is altered or supplied by this act, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all the jurisdiction, right, title, property and interest of this Commonwealth, over, in and to the territory now in possession of the Government of the United States, and occupied as a naval asylum, situate in the township of Passyunk, county of Philadelphia, is hereby ceded and conveyed, together with all the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the Government of the United States: *Provided always, nevertheless,* That the cession hereby made shall continue in force so long as the same territory shall be used by the Government of the United States for the purposes of a naval asylum, and that nothing herein contained shall exonerate said property from taxation: *Provided further,* That all process, civil and criminal, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall extend into and be effectual within the territory hereby ceded, as if this law had not passed: *Provided also,* That this act shall not prevent the opening of streets, lanes or alleys, which have been laid out, or are authorized to be laid out, through said property.

Territory of naval asylum in Passyunk ceded to U.S.

Proviso. So long as so used, and not to exonerate from taxation 2d proviso. Service of process.

3d proviso. Opening of streets.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passage of this act, no person shall be imprisoned for any debt or sum of money, due on contract contracted from and after the fourth of July next, where the debt demanded, or judgment obtained, is less than five dollars and thirty-four cents, exclusive of costs.

Imprisonment for debts not exceeding \$5 34 abolished from & after 4th July, 1833

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AN ACT

Supplementary to an act entitled "An act to enlarge the buildings of the State Penitentiary, for the Eastern District, and for other purposes," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, 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 the state stock directed to be issued by the second