

Annual report. SECTION 4. That said president, directors and treasurer shall make an annual report, on the day of every annual election, which shall be duly certified, and which shall exhibit fully and accurately the receipts, expenses and expenditures of the said association.

Directors. SECTION 5. Joseph Konigmacher, Richard R. Heitler, William Spera, Jeremiah Mohler, John G. Bauman, Edwin Konigmacher, Jeremiah Bauman, or a majority of them, are hereby constituted a board of directors, to transact the business of said association from and after the passage of this act, and to continue until others are elected in accordance with the third section of this act.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 43.

AN ACT

Concerning the removal of the seat of justice of the county of Columbia from Danville to Bloomsburg.

Citizens to vote for or against removal. Ticket. Returns. SECTION 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 it shall and may be lawful for the qualified voters who have resided in Columbia county for at least six calendar months immediately preceding the next general election, to vote at such election upon the question of the removal of their seat of justice from Danville to Bloomsburg in said county, in the manner following, to wit: Those in favor of a removal shall vote a written or printed ticket, labelled "seat of justice," and containing the words "for Bloomsburg," and those opposed to a removal shall vote a written or printed ticket labelled as aforesaid, and containing the words "for Danville;" the said tickets to be deposited in a box, which shall be provided for that purpose at each and every of the election polls of said county, and the returns of said election shall be made in the same manner by the return judges as in the case of the election of members of the assembly; and if, on the meeting of the return judges, it shall appear that a majority of the votes have been given in favor of Bloomsburg, then the following sections of this act shall be of full force and effect; but if it shall appear that a majority of votes have been given against Bloomsburg, then the following sections of this act shall be null and void.

SECTION 2. That if a majority of the voters of said county of Columbia, qualified as aforesaid, voting on said question of removal, shall decide in the manner provided in the first section of this act, in favor of the re-

removal of the seat of justice, in said county, to the town of Bloomsburg, the citizens of Bloomsburg, in said county, shall erect, or cause to be erected, at their own proper expense, within three years from and after such election, in the town of Bloomsburg, suitable buildings of brick or stone, of the most approved plan, for a court-house and prison, and different offices for the safe keeping of the county records, under the direction of the county commissioners, who are authorized to receive a conveyance for such lot or lots of ground for the use of such county buildings, not less than one acre, in fee simple, clear of all incumbrances, for the use of the county of Columbia, the said buildings to be erected on such lot or lots of ground thus conveyed; and the court-house and other public buildings and real estate on which they are erected or is appurtenant thereto, at the town of Danville, are hereby granted and confirmed to the inhabitants of Mahoning township, with full authority to sell and dispose of the same to the best advantage; and that so much of the proceeds of said sale as is necessary to refund to the citizens of Danville whatever amount of money they may have given for the original construction of the public buildings at said town, and the purchase of the lots of ground on which they are erected, shall be refunded to said citizens, and the balance to be paid into the county treasury for county purposes: *Provided*, No disposition or sale of such buildings shall be made until the court-house and public buildings at Bloomsburg shall be completed, and the public records and offices be removed thereto.

Public buildings,
erection of.

Public buildings
at Danville vested
in the citizens of
Mahoning town-
ship.

Certain money
refunded to citi-
zens of Danville.

Proviso.

SECTION 3. That so soon as the public buildings are completed according to the provisions of this act, the commissioners aforesaid shall file a report of the same in the court of common pleas of said county; and said court being satisfied that said buildings are fully completed, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, and a record thereof being made by endorsement on said report, the commissioners and sheriff of said county shall thereupon cause the prisoners, if any there confined in the old prison, to be safely removed to the new, and the public papers and records then remaining in the public offices at Danville to be safely deposited in the new buildings, so as aforesaid built and prepared for the reception thereof; and from thenceforth the seat of justice in and for the county of Columbia shall cease to be at Danville, and the same shall be removed and fixed at the town of Bloomsburg, in the said county; and the public offices heretofore kept, and the courts of justice heretofore held at Danville, in and for the said county of Columbia, shall be kept and held at Bloomsburg, in the buildings erected for their accommodation as aforesaid.

Commissioners'
duty.

Removal of pri-
soners.

Seat of justice
removed.

SECTION 4. It shall be lawful for the citizens of Bloomsburg to obtain subscriptions from any person or persons willing to subscribe any money or materials for the erection of such public buildings, as are provided for in the second section of this act; and in default of the payment of the same to the county commissioners, are hereby empowered to cause suit to be brought in the name of the county to enforce the recovery of the same, and, when collected, to be applied towards defraying the expenses of such buildings.

Subscriptions.

SECTION 5. If any person or persons shall vote on the question of the removal of the seat of justice of said county of Columbia, at the election authorized to be held by virtue of this act, not duly qualified to vote in accordance with the first section of this act, or shall vote out of his or their proper district, or shall vote more than once on said question, he or they so offending, upon conviction thereof before the proper court of quarter sessions of said county, shall be subject to

Penalty for illegal
voting.

the penalty provided for in the general election laws of this commonwealth.

Penalty for receiving illegal, and rejecting legal, votes.

SECTION 6. If any judge or inspector of the election, authorized to be held by virtue of this act, shall knowingly or wilfully reject the vote of a citizen qualified to vote on the question of the removal of the seat of justice in said county, in accordance with the first section of this act, or shall receive the vote of a person not qualified to vote as aforesaid on said question, he or they so offending, upon conviction thereof before the proper court of quarter sessions of said county, shall forfeit and pay for the use of said county, for every such offence, a sum not less than three hundred or more than six hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court, and shall undergo an imprisonment in the jail of said county, for a period of not less than twelve months, or more than two years.

Penalty for fraud in the election.

SECTION 7. If any judge, inspector, or clerk of the election, authorized to be held by virtue of this act, shall wilfully miscount, or shall falsely and fraudulently add up, and return the votes received upon the question aforesaid, or shall keep a false tally paper, or shall be guilty of any fraud in the discharge of his duties, every person so offending, upon conviction thereof in the proper court of quarter sessions of said county, shall be subject to the same fine and penalty as are imposed upon delinquent judges or inspectors by the general election laws of this commonwealth.

Duty of judges and inspectors.

SECTION 8. It shall be the duty of the judges and inspectors conducting the election, authorized to be held by virtue of this act, to cause the letter R to be legibly and distinctly set opposite the name of every citizen who shall vote on the question of removal of the seat of justice, as aforesaid, on the tally paper, on which his name shall be registered; and any wilful omission so to do shall be deemed a fraud, and shall be punished as such, in accordance with the provisions of the seventh section of this act.

Oath.

SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of every judge, inspector, and clerk, conducting the election, authorized to be held by virtue of this act, to take (in addition to the oath or affirmation he is now required by law to take,) an oath or affirmation, that he will honestly and faithfully comply, in every respect, with the provisions and requirements of this act.

Certificates of result.

SECTION 10. It shall be the duty of the return judges of said county, at the time and place of their meeting, to cast up all the votes received in the different election districts, on the question of the removal of the seat of justice aforesaid; and shall make out two certificates showing the result, one of which shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the court of quarter sessions, and the other in the office of the commissioners of said county of Columbia.

Duty of sheriff.

SECTION 11. It shall be the duty of the sheriff of the said county of Columbia, to cause this act to be published in at least three newspapers published in said county, for at least once in every week for sixty days, immediately preceding the next general election, and shall on the day of the election cause at least two printed copies, one of which shall be in the German language, of said act, to be posted in handbill form in the most public place nearest the election poll, in every election district in said county; and the reasonable expense of such publication shall be paid by the said county of Columbia, by orders drawn in the usual way.

Repeal.

SECTION 12. So much of the existing laws of this commonwealth as are altered or supplied by this act, be and the same are hereby re-

pealed; and also the act of assembly, passed sixteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An Act relating to the lien of mechanics, and others, upon buildings," is hereby repealed, so far as relates to the buildings to be erected in pursuance of this act.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 44.

AN ACT

To confirm the title of a certain lot of ground situate in the district of Southwark, in the county of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, James Ronaldson and Richard Ronaldson, of the county of Philadelphia, did, by indenture dated the first day of July, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, recorded at Philadelphia, in deed book G. W. R., number twenty seven, page seven hundred and two, grant and convey unto "the Philadelphia Marine railway company," their successors and assigns, a certain lot of ground situate in the district of Southwark, in the county of Philadelphia, particularly described in the said indenture, together with the appurtenances. Preamble.

And whereas, It is represented to the legislature, that some doubts are entertained respecting the right and power of the said company, to hold and convey the said lot of ground; therefore,

SECTION 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 title of the said "the Philadelphia Marine railway company," and of all and every person and persons lawfully claiming, or to claim under the said company, by purchase or otherwise, to the lot or piece of ground as is hereinbefore recited by James Ronaldson and Richard Ronaldson, to the said "the Philadelphia Marine railway company," on the first day of July, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, shall be and the same is hereby confirmed and made valid, to the same extent and effect, to all intents and purposes, as if at and before the execution of the said conveyance to the company by the said James Ronaldson and Richard Ronaldson, express authority had been given to the said "the Philadelphia Marine railway company," by act of assembly, to take, purchase, receive and hold, or convey in