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pleas of Philadelphia county, shall first approve of the application of the trust fund as directed in this act; and the said trustee or trustees shall give a bond to the commonwealth, with sufficient security, for the use of the parties interested, in such amount as the court may direct and approve, conditioned for the faithful application of the moneys of the trust estate, according to the directions of this act, and to account fully for the same to those interested.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 250.

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of a reporter of the decisions of the supreme court of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Governor to appoint and commission.

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Oath.

Judges to furnish opinion.

Proviso.

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 governor shall appoint, and on having taken the security hereinafter required, shall commission, before the first day of July next, for the period of five years, and on the expiration of every five years thereafter, a person of known integrity, experience and learning in the law, to be the reporter of the decisions of the supreme court of this state, who shall give bond to the commonwealth, with at least two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the governor, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, upon condition for the correct and faithful performance of his official duties; and shall further take and subscribe before some judge, an oath or affirmation, to be filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, that he will perform said duties of his office with correctness, impartiality and fidelity.

SECTION 2. That the judges of the supreme court shall reduce their opinion in every case to writing, at the time such case may be decided, endorsing thereon also whether said court deem the opinion of sufficient importance for publication, and shall immediately file the same, together with one of the paper books, amongst the records of said court, where said reporter shall be authorized to receive and retain the same for such reasonable time as he may require to make a copy thereof, when the said opinion shall be returned, and remain a part of said records: *Provided,* That no minority opinions of the said court shall be published by said reporter.

SECTION 3. That said reporter shall correctly arrange, with suitable indices and captions, all the opinions of said court, with a statement of

the material facts and points made in each case, endorsed of sufficient importance for publication, and such of the others as he shall deem necessary and important for publication, so that the same shall be annually contained in two volumes, if so many shall be necessary, and in number not less than five hundred copies of each volume, which shall not be sold by said reporter or his vendee, or any other person, at a rate higher than four dollars per volume; and if any reporter, or any vendee of such reporter, or any other person, shall sell any volume of said reports in violation of the provisions of this section, he shall, on conviction thereof, in any court of quarter sessions of the peace, pay a fine of two hundred dollars, one-half thereof to go to the commonwealth, and the other half to the person who prosecutes. Price of reports.

SECTION 4. That said reporter shall publish said reports with type, Execution of and on paper as good as those of the reports of the decisions of said court, last heretofore published, and shall furnish the same to the public, well bound in law calf binding, and each volume is to contain not less than five hundred and fifty pages.

SECTION 5. That the said reporter shall be entitled to receive and Copy right. enjoy the copy right of said reports, in the same manner as if the same were his own entire original production.

SECTION 6. The governor may at any time remove said reporter for Removal. incompetency, or a failure to discharge his official duties, on the address of the judges of said court, made to him in writing, and shall have power to fill any vacancy which may occur by death, by an appointment of a reporter to continue for the unexpired term of office, and subject to all the provisions of this act.

SECTION 7. The title of the reports, published under the provisions Title. of this act, shall be "Pennsylvania State Reports."

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
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