

No. 254.

A N A C T

To change the venue in certain cases.

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 ^{From Lehigh to} four certain actions now pending in the court of common pleas of Lehigh Bucks county, brought against William Eckert, Henry Ebner, and others, late directors of the Northampton Bank, to December term, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, number nineteen; December term, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, number twenty; April term, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, number sixty-nine; and September term, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, number ninety-one; be and the same are hereby removed and transferred to the court of common pleas of Bucks county, to be there tried at one of the regular terms of said court, in the same manner as if they had been originally instituted in the said last named court; and the record in said actions shall be certified by the said court of common pleas of Lehigh county, to the said court of common pleas of Bucks county for trial aforesaid; and on final judgment such writs of execution shall be issued as may be necessary to carry the same into full effect: *Provided,* That ^{Proviso.} the county of Bucks shall not be subjected to any costs or expense in consequence of, or by reason of the transfer and removal of the above actions, but the same, or such part thereof as would otherwise fall on the said county of Bucks, shall be paid by the commissioners of Lehigh county; and that the said final judgments shall be subject to writs of error to the supreme court as in other cases, and in case of reversal and new trials awarded, they shall be re-tried in Bucks county in the same manner as is hereinbefore described.

SECTION 2. That a certain action now pending in the court of com- ^{From Lehigh to} mon pleas of Lehigh county, of September term, eighteen hundred and Lancaster. forty-three, number one hundred and forty-eight, wherein the Northampton Bank, for the use of James Smoyer, is plaintiff, and William W. Selfridge, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Mathew Selfridge, deceased, as defendant, be and the same is hereby removed and transferred to the court of common pleas of Lancaster county, to be tried at one of the regular terms of said court; and the record in said action shall be certified by the said court of common pleas of Lehigh county, to the said court of common pleas of Lancaster county for trial as aforesaid; and on final judgment such writs of execution shall be issued, as may be necessary to carry the same into full effect: *Provided,* That the county of Lancaster shall not be subjected to any cost ^{Proviso.} or expense in consequence of, or by reason of the transfer or removal of the above action, but the same, or such part thereof as would otherwise fall on the said county of Lancaster, shall be paid by the commissioners of Lehigh county: *And provided,* That the said final judgment shall be subject to a writ of error to the supreme court as in other cases, and in case the same should be reversed and a venire facias de novo awarded, the same shall be again returned in Lancaster county in the same manner as is hereinbefore provided: *And provided, further,*

That the parties requesting the removal of the said causes shall, before removing the same, give security in such sum as the court of common pleas of Lehigh county may direct, conditioned for the payment of all costs of suit in case of judgment being rendered against them.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 255.

AN ACT

For the better regulation of police in the city of Philadelphia, and the adjacent districts.

City, districts
and township, to
establish police.

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 city of Philadelphia, and the districts of Southwark, Spring Garden, incorporated Northern Liberties, Kensington and Penn, and the township of Moyamensing, in the county of Philadelphia, be and they are hereby required to establish and maintain, respectively, police forces, to consist of not less than one able bodied man, for every one hundred and fifty taxable inhabitants in the said city, districts and townships, respectively, for the prevention of riots, and the preservation of the public peace.

Superintendent
of; and

Regulation of.

SECTION 2. That the councils of the said city, and the commissioners of each of the said districts and township, shall appoint a superintendent of police for their respective corporate limits; and the councils of the said city, and the commissioners of the said districts and township, shall have power to provide, by ordinance, for the regulation and control of their respective police forces, as they may deem proper.

Penalty for non-
compliance with
first section.

SECTION 3. That on failure or neglect of the said city or township, or any of the said districts, to comply with the provisions of the first section of this act, the city, township or district, so failing or neglecting, shall be liable for all loss or damage which may accrue from injury to, or destruction of property within such city, township or district, occasioned by any riot, tumult, or unlawful assembly, within the limits of such city, township or district, to be recovered by action by the owner or owners of such property, against such city, township or district, and in such case the county shall not be liable for such loss or damage.

Proceedings in
case of riots, &c.

SECTION 4. That in case of a riot, tumult, or unlawful assembly, to the disturbance of the public peace, occurring, or being within the said city, township or districts, which the police force of the city, township or district, in which such riot, tumult, or unlawful assembly may be, is unable, or fails or neglects to suppress, it shall be the duty of the sheriff