

period as the court, having respect to the circumstances of the case, may direct; and notice of such rule, and all proceedings under this act, shall be given in the manner provided in the act of twenty-ninth March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, for notices to heirs; and on the return of such rule, the said court may appoint some suitable person trustee, to sell at public or private sale, and convey and assure such estate or purparts, or any part or parts thereof: *Provided*, That the rule to shew cause herein last directed, may be dispensed with by the court, on the application of all the parties interested; and that the said trustee shall give bond, with sufficient surety, to be approved of by the orphans' court of Lebanon county, conditioned for the faithful application of the proceeds of such sale or sales, according to law. Proviso.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 27.

A N A C T

To alter the times for holding the criminal court in the city and county of Philadelphia, and for regulating the proceedings of said court, and for other purposes.

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 court of oyer and terminer, general jail delivery, court of quarter sessions of the peace, and court for the trial of all criminal causes, in the city and county of Philadelphia, now given, by the act of the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, to the judges of the court of common pleas in and for said city and county, shall hereafter be held on the first Mondays of April, June, August, October, December and February, in each and every year, instead of the days now fixed by law for the holding of the same. Time of holding courts.

SECTION 2. That all the returns of cases made by aldermen, justices of the peace, and other magistrates of prosecutions cognizable before said courts, shall be made on or before the first Monday of April next; and hereafter on the days and times fixed by the first section of this act, for the holding of said court; and all recognizances made returnable to the next March term of said court, shall be as effectual, binding and valid, as if returned on the first Monday of March next. Returns of magistrates.

SECTION 3. That said court shall have power and authority to issue two or more venirens, for the drawing, summoning and returning of jurors to serve as petit jurors at any term of said court, to be drawn, To issue venirens.

Proviso. summoned and returned as now required by existing laws, and to fix the same number for each panel as now designated by law: *Provided*, That no venire shall be issued for the return of a panel of jurors to serve for a period less than two weeks, except in cases of special venires, when a panel is exhausted by challenges, as now directed by law.

Proceedings may be removed to supreme court. **SECTION 4.** Writs of certiorari and writs of error may be issued from the supreme court, to remove the proceedings from said criminal court, in all cases, when specially allowed by any of the judges of said supreme court.

To select constables. **SECTION 5.** The judges of said criminal court, at their regular terms, shall have authority, when necessary for the business of the court, to select a sufficient number of the constables of the various wards, boroughs and townships, in said city and county, to attend on said court according to the provisions of the act of the twenty-first of January, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An Act allowing compensation to constables for attending the several courts within this commonwealth:" *Provided*, This section shall in no wise interfere with the provisions of the act of the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

Act relative to tip staves and criers of courts in Philadelphia, repealed. **SECTION 6.** That the tenth section of the act of sixteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, entitled "An Act concerning certain sheriff and coroner's sales, and for other purposes," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Provision relative to giving notice, extended. **SECTION 7.** That the provisions of the eighth section of the act of April the thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty, entitled "An Act relating to orphans' court," be declared to apply and extend, and it is hereby applied and extended, to all advertisements of sale and other notices, which the sheriff of Philadelphia county is required to make public.

Repeal. **SECTION 8.** So much of any law as is inconsistent with this act, or altered by its provisions, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Time of holding courts in Greene county.
In Washington county. **SECTION 9.** That hereafter the May and November terms of the several courts of Greene and Washington counties, shall commence and be held on the following days in each and every year, respectively, to wit: in Greene county on the second Monday in May and on the second Monday of November, to continue each one week, if necessary: and in Washington county on the third Monday of May and third Monday of November, to continue each two weeks, if necessary, unless the court, at the previous term, shall limit the May term to one week; and so much of the act of twentieth of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, entitled "An Act to extend the time of holding the March term of the several courts of Beaver county, and to change the time of holding the courts in Greene county," as relates to the May and November terms of the courts in Greene county, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Part of former act repealed.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

FRS. R. SHUNK.