

No. 266.

## AN ACT

Changing the time when certain officers shall make their 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* from and after the first day of December next, the several prothonotaries, or clerks of the supreme court, of the courts of nisi prius, of the courts of common pleas, of the district courts, of the courts of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery, of the courts of quarter sessions of the peace, of the orphans' court, the registers of wills, the recorders of deeds and notaries public in this commonwealth, and all other officers of this commonwealth who are now or who may hereafter be required to render accounts of fees received by them, as well as of the state tax on original writs, amicable actions, writs of certiorari, judgments by confession or otherwise, transcripts of judgments, deeds, mortgages or any other instruments of writing, letters testamentary and letters of administration, shall make out and transmit to the auditor general, during the month of December in each and every year, their respective accounts, to be computed for the year ending with the thirtieth day of November then next preceding, and shall pay over to the state treasurer, within the said specified time, the several amounts that may be due to the commonwealth; and any officer failing to render his account, and make payment as herein required, shall not be entitled to receive any commission on the same; and the auditor general shall charge such officer interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum upon the amount due the commonwealth, until paid.

Prothonotaries,  
clerks, registers  
and recorders to  
make returns in  
December annu-  
ally.

To pay amount  
into the state  
treasury.

SECTION 2. That if any of the said officers shall neglect or refuse to settle and pay over the full amount due to the commonwealth to the state treasurer, at the times hereinbefore directed, the auditor general shall direct the proper attorney for the commonwealth, in the respective county, or other competent attorney, to sue for and recover the same, without any stay of execution, and without allowing to such delinquent officer any compensation or commissions. All laws not hereby altered, or that are not inconsistent herewith, shall be and remain in force.

Upon refusal or  
neglect, liable to  
suit and recovery.

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

WM. WILLIAMSON,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.