

No. 130.

AN ACT

For the relief William P. and Samuel Brady.

Canal commis-
sioners to exam-
ine claim.

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 canal commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to examine the claim of William P. and Samuel Brady, who were contractors on lock, number two, of the Wiconisco canal, and settle the same according to justice and equity, and make report thereon to the next legislature.*

JAMES COOPER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CH. GIBBONS,

Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 131.

AN ACT

Requiring the inspectors of prisons, sheriffs, prothonotaries and clerks of criminal courts and others, to make annual returns to the secretary of the commonwealth, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It is desirable to obtain accurate information relative to the condition and expenses of the penitentiaries and prisons of this commonwealth, and the costs of supporting the criminal courts thereof; therefore,

Inspectors, she-
riffs, &c. to trans-
mit to secretary
of com'th, annual
statement of the
condition of peni-
tentiary and jail.

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 be the duty of the inspectors, sheriffs or other persons having charge of any penitentiary or jail within this commonwealth, to transmit to the secretary thereof, on or before the first day of February in each and every year, a full statement in detail of the condition of such penitentiary or jail, during the year ending on the thirty-first day of the previous December, shewing the number of prisoners committed to such penitentiary or jail during the year, distinguishing the convicts, the prisoners for trial, witnesses and other persons committed, and the offences*

of, or with which they have been convicted or charged, and other causes of commitment; and the sex and color of the persons in every class so distinguished, and how many were insane at the time of their commitment; and further in relation to convicts, distinguishing persons sentenced to separate labor from persons otherwise sentenced, and of each class of persons sentenced, shewing the age, the place of nativity and of conviction, and the term of sentence, and whether they have been previously convicted, and how often, and where imprisoned; whether they could read or write, or had learned a trade at the time of commitment; whether they had been apprenticed, and served out the full term of their apprenticeship; whether married or single; and such statement shall further shew the length of imprisonment of witnesses, the average imprisonment of all other persons than witnesses, and persons sentenced; and how many of such other persons, received during the year, were returned to court, and how many of them were discharged, and in what manner discharged; distinguishing the prisoners for trial, persons committed as vagrants, as disorderly persons for breach of the peace and others, and of the whole number of prisoners in such penitentiary or jail during the year; how many were discharged by expiration of sentence, by pardon or otherwise; how many escaped; how many died, the cases of sickness, and the nature thereof; how the prisoners are classified, their different trades and occupations, if any, while in such penitentiary or jail; whether an opportunity is afforded to the prisoners for doing over work, or for receiving in any other manner the profits of their labor; whether any, and what provision is made to furnish such prisoners as need it, with clothing or pecuniary aid on their discharge; whether a physician is regularly employed to attend the sick; what provision is made for the instruction of prisoners, in such penitentiary or jail, at the end of the year, distinguishing sex and color in each class; the receipts of the prison, and the sources from which derived; the amount of expenditure, arranged under general heads, and so as to shew the cost per diem of each prisoner; the personal property belonging to such penitentiary and jail, and the cash value thereof, together with any information which the said inspectors, sheriffs or other persons having charge of said penitentiaries or jails, may deem useful.

SECTION 2. That it shall be the duty of the prothonotary, or clerk of each and every criminal court of this commonwealth, to transmit to the secretary thereof, on or before the first day of February in each and every year, a full statement in detail of the criminal business of said court, of which he is the prothonotary or clerk, for the year ending on the thirty-first day of the previous December, showing the number of bills laid before the several grand juries of said court, the number of bills returned "true bills," and the number returned ignoramus; the number of presentments made by said grand juries; the number of bills tried; the number of acquittals and convictions; the number nolle proseques entered; the nature of the offences charged in the bills or presentments; the number and amount of recognizances forfeited, together with any other information the said prothonotaries or clerks, may deem useful.

Proth'y or clerk of court to transmit to sec'y, statement in detail of the criminal business of court.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the commissioners, of each and every county in this commonwealth, to transmit to the secretary thereof, on or before the first day of February in each and every year, a full statement in detail of the moneys paid out of the treasury of their respective counties, for the support of any penitentiary or jail, and of the criminal courts of their respective counties during the year, ending on the thirty-first day of the previous December, designating the amount paid to grand jurors, petit jurors, witnesses, officers and other persons;

County com'rs to transmit to sec'y, a statement of moneys paid out for support of criminals.

the number and amount of forfeited recognizances ; the number sued out, and the amount received therefrom.

State treasurer to transmit to sec'y, the amount paid for support of jails and penitentiary. SECTION 4. That it shall be the duty of the treasurer of this commonwealth, to communicate to the secretary thereof, on or before the first day of February in each and every year, the amount paid out of the state treasury towards the support of any jails or penitentiaries of this commonwealth, for the year ending on the thirty-first day of the previous December, designating the penitentiaries and jails to which money was so paid.

Sec'y to cause abstracts to be laid before legislature.

SECTION 5. That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the commonwealth, to cause abstracts to be made from all said reports, and to lay such abstracts before each branch of the legislature, on or before the first day of March in each and every year.

JAMES COOPER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CH. GIBBONS,

Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 132.

AN ACT

To authorize John Blackfan, executor of Joseph Dilworth, and administrator of William Dilworth, deceased, to convey to the commonwealth a certain lock-house and lot of land, in Bucks county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, By a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, passed April fifteenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, the canal commissioners were directed to reconsider the claims of William and Joseph Dilworth, for damages on the Delaware division of the Pennsylvania canal, in conformity to which the board unanimously agreed to direct the superintendent on said division, to offer on the part of the commonwealth, to William and Joseph Dilworth, the sum of two hundred and eighty dollars, as a full compensation for all the injury they have sustained by reason of the construction of the Pennsylvania canal, upon the condition that they convey to the commonwealth a lot of ground, including the lock-house on the premises, not exceeding one-fourth of an acre, to be laid off by the superintendent upon the division :

And whereas, The said William and Joseph Dilworth are now both deceased, and did not in their life time accept such award of two hundred and eighty dollars :

And whereas, The canal commissioners are now willing to pay over to the legal representatives of said deceased, the amount of the said award, provided the lot of ground, including the lock-house aforesaid, was properly conveyed to the commonwealth ; therefore,