

maintain the same in good and sufficient repair, for the purposes in the said act mentioned.

JAMES COOPER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CH. GIBBONS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 166.

AN ACT

To define and punish the offence of bribery.

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 if any person or persons shall bribe or attempt to bribe, directly or indirectly, by the offer of money or any thing of value, or the giving or the presenting thereof, or by promise, intimation or insinuation, that money or other thing of value, shall hereafter be given or presented to any member of either branch of the legislature, or to any jury, either grand or petit, or to any arbitrator, justice of the peace, or other public officer holding an office of honor or profit under the laws of this commonwealth, for the purpose, or with the intention of influencing the vote, mind or action of such member of either branch of the legislature, or for the purpose of influencing the action, judgment or mind of such juror, arbitrator, justice of the peace or other public officer aforesaid, any person or persons so offending shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction of such offence, before any court of quarter sessions in this commonwealth, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, and imprisoned, either in the county jail or state penitentiary, in solitary confinement, at labor, for a period not exceeding five years, at the discretion of the court; and any one who shall accept any such bribe, or directly or indirectly agree to accept the same, with a corrupt intention, on conviction therefor, shall also be deemed guilty of the same offence, and subject to the like punishment.

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