

CHAPTER CXXVI.

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To be paid for out of

SECTION I. *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 a middle district of the supreme court of this Commonwealth shall be, and hereby is erected to consist of the counties of York, Adams, Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Northumberland, Luzerne, Lycoming, Centre, Clearfield, M'Kean, Potter and Tioga.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That there shall be a prothonotary appointed and commissioned for said court, who shall take the same oath or affirmation and give such bond and security as is by law required of the prothonotaries of the eastern and western districts of the supreme court, and shall perform similar duties in his district and be entitled to the same fees as are by law allowed for like services to the prothonotaries of either of said districts.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the justices of the supreme court to attend and hold one term annually, in and for the middle district at the borough of Sunbury in the county of Northumberland, on the first Monday of July, and the said term shall continue two weeks, if necessary, to do the business therein depending.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the supreme court hereby directed to be holden, shall have and exercise the same powers, authority and jurisdiction in all cases and respects whatsoever, which are vested by the constitution and laws in the supreme court of this Commonwealth.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the prothonotaries of the eastern and western districts of the supreme court, at or before the first day of May, anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be and they are hereby each of them empowered and directed to purchase a blank book for the middle district, and to employ a clerk to make out a docket in the same, for the middle district, containing a statement of all actions then pending and undetermined in their respective districts appertaining to the middle district, and shall each of them have the said dockets, together with the records, declarations and other papers respecting all such actions then pending and undetermined as aforesaid, ready to be delivered to the prothonotary of the supreme court for the middle district by the

first Monday of June, anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and shall deliver the same to him accordingly; the price paid for the said dockets, and the wages of the clerks employed as aforesaid, to be paid to the prothonotaries of the eastern and western districts of the supreme court respectively, out of the state treasury, on warrants drawn by the Governor in the usual manner.

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SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the first day of May, anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and eight, all actions pending and undetermined in the eastern or western district of the supreme court, appertaining to the middle district, shall be considered as pending in the supreme court for the said middle district, and the judges of the said court shall, in all respects and in like manner, proceed to determine the same as though the said actions had originated in the supreme court for said middle district.

When actions appertaining to the middle district, shall be considered as pending therein.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the prothonotary of the middle district of the supreme court, to be appointed as by this act is provided, shall be accountable to the prothonotaries of the eastern and western districts of said court, and to all others who may have any interest therein, for all fees which shall have accrued upon the several actions in their respective courts, pending prior to this act taking effect, and the same pay over as shall come to his hands.

The prothonotary of the middle district to account to the prothonotaries of the eastern and western district &c.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the last Monday of July in each and every year hereafter, shall be a common day of return for the supreme court of the eastern district, at which time all writs and process may be returnable in the same manner as at the regular terms of said court, and may also bear teste on the said day: *Provided,* That the same be sued out at like periods of time, previous to the days hereby made return days of the said courts respectively, and like directions be observed and performed as are made necessary by law, in writs, process or other proceedings, returnable to the terms of the said court; and it shall be the duty of one of the judges of the said Court to attend on the said last Monday of July at the place assigned by law for holding the terms of the said court, to grant rules and to make all necessary orders touching any suit, action, writ of error, process, pleadings or proceedings returned to or depending therein, preparatory to the hearing, trial or decision of such action, suit, writ of error, process, pleadings or proceedings.

Of a test and return day for the Supreme court.

Made the duty of one of the judges to attend on said day to grant rules make the necessary orders &c.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the first court to be holden in Sunbury agreeably to the provisions of this act, shall commence on the first Monday of July, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and eight.

First term within the middle district.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

Repealing
clause.

That so much of any law or laws as is by this act altered and supplied, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives,

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the tenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

THOMAS MCKEAN.

CHAPTER CXXVII.

An ACT for the relief of the representatives of John Fromberger, deceased.

WHEREAS Thomas Laurence, James Budden and John Dunlap, of the city of Philadelphia, purchased of the agents for forfeited estates, a tract of land in the township of the Northern Liberties, containing about thirty acres, more or less; confiscated to this Commonwealth, as the estate of a certain Joseph Griswold, which said tract of land came by divers mesne conveyances to John Fromberger, of the city of Philadelphia, in fee, who on the fourth day of February, anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and two, was regularly evicted therefrom by reason of a title paramount, in a certain Joseph Griswold, of the city of New-York: *And whereas*, it is just and reasonable that the representatives of the said John Fromberger, who is now deceased, should be relieved from the loss arising from the failure of the title from this Commonwealth: *Therefore,*

SECTION I. *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 Governor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant upon the treasury, in favor of John Gryner and Jacob Chrystler, administrators to the estate of John Fromberger, deceased, for the sum of one thousand dollars, as a full compensation to the representatives of the said Fromberger, for all losses, by reason of his eviction from a certain tract of land in the township of the Northern Liberties, containing about thirty acres, and derived by him from a sale by the agents

The governor authorized to draw his warrant for \$1000 in favour of the representatives of John Fromberger, &c.