

matrimony; any law, custom or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*

of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*

of the Senate.

APPROVED—January the twentieth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*

of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER XII.

An ACT in aid of the Northumberland Academy in the town and county of Northumberland.

WHEREAS, it is represented to the legislature, that the trustees of Northumberland Academy have erected a building for that institution, but, owing to the failure of fundry principal subscribers, they are unable to finish the same, or discharge the debts already contracted; and the said trustees have prayed for legislative aid in the premises: And whereas, it is represented, that Doctor Joseph Priestly has the disposal of a valuable library of scarce and well-assorted books, in various branches of literature and science, which he is desirous and has the power of procuring as a gift to Northumberland Academy, provided that institution

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is likely to receive substantial aid from the state :
And whereas, it has ever been the enlightened
policy of Pennsylvania, to encourage and cherish
seminaries of useful learning : Therefore,

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
two thousand dollars of the arrearages of state
taxes now due from the county of Northumber-
land, be, and are hereby granted to the trustees
of the Northumberland Academy, to and for
the use of that institution ; to be paid by the
treasurer of said county, out of the arrearages
of state taxes that hereafter may come into his
hands ; which sum so paid shall be allowed said
treasurer on the settlement of his accounts.

2000 dollars
granted to
Northumber-
land Academy.

Sect. 2. *And be it further enacted by the au-
thority aforesaid,* That whenever Doctor Joseph
Priestly, or any person by him for that purpose
appointed, shall certify to the Governor of this
commonwealth, that he hath a library of not
less than two thousand volumes, of such as may
be selected and approved by the trustees of the
said institution, or a majority of them, ready
to appropriate as a donation to the Northum-
berland Academy, the Governor shall be autho-
rized to appoint two persons, disinterested, who
shall not reside within the county of Northum-
berland, to value the same ; which valuation
the Governor shall report to the legislature at
their next session, together with a catalogue of
said books, recommending an appropriation or
donation of money, to and for the use of said
institution, equal to the aforesaid valuation :

The Governor
authorized, on
certain condi-
tions, to re-
commend a
further grant.

Provided,

Provided, That such valuation shall not amount to more than three thousand dollars.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
 ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

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CHAPTER XIII.

An ACT erecting the townships of Rockhill, Bedminster, and Hilltown, in the county of Bucks, into an election district.

Section 1. **B**E 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 passing of this act, the townships of Rockhill, Bedminster, and Hilltown, in Bucks county, shall form an election district; and the electors thereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Henry Trumbour, in Rockhill township aforesaid; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

A new election district erected in Bucks county.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
 ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

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