

CHAPTER LXXII.

An ACT to regulate the administering of certain Oaths.

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 when either branch of the legislature shall have made choice of a speaker, the oaths or affirmations prescribed in the constitution of this commonwealth, and the constitution of the United States, shall be administered to the speaker elect, by a member appointed for that purpose, by a majority of the members present, and the speaker so sworn or affirmed, shall administer the oaths or affirmations to the members elect and officers respectively.

A member appointed for the purpose to administer the oaths of office to the Speaker elect.

The Speaker to administer the same to the members.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when the senate shall sit for the purpose of trying any impeachment, the speaker shall be sworn or affirmed by a member selected by the senate for that purpose, by a majority of the members present. The speaker so qualified shall then administer the oath or affirmation to the members respectively, and the speaker of each house is hereby empowered to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses or other persons whom it may be necessary to examine before the house whereof he is speaker; and the chairman of every committee shall have like powers in examinations before committees.

The Senate when sitting to try an impeachment to appoint a member to swear the Speaker.

The Speaker to administer the oaths, &c. to the members, witnesses, &c.

Chairman of committees to possess like powers.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when the Governor elect is

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is to be sworn into office, the necessary oaths or affirmations shall be administered to him by the speaker of the senate, or by the speaker of the house of representatives. to administer the necessary oaths to the Governor.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*

of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*

of the Senate.

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

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*

of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER LXXIII.

An ACT for the Relief of Peter Keplinger.

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 the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby granted to Peter Keplinger, to be paid to him or his lawful attorney, immediately after the passing of this act, and an annuity of fifty dollars during his natural life, to be paid from the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and four, half yearly to him or his lawful attorney, not interested therein, on warrants drawn by the Governor on the state treasurer, An annuity granted to Peter Keplinger for life.