

## CHAPTER CLIX.

An ACT regulating the powers of the Justices of the Peace, in cases of assault and battery.

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 first day of July next, any justice of the peace, before whom a complaint or charge may be made for an assault and battery, or for an assault only, either before or after recognizance has been entered for the appearance of the defendant or defendants, before the next court of quarter sessions, the said justice shall have power, and he is hereby authorized and enjoined at the mutual request of the complainant or complainants, and the defendant or defendants in any complaint or charge as aforesaid, to dismiss the same, making a record thereof in his docket, together with the agreement aforesaid, which agreement shall be signed by the complainant or complainants, as well as the defendant or defendants, in such complaint or charge; and for entering of such record, said justice shall receive from the parties, twenty-five cents, and no fee shall be demanded of said justice, by any officer of this commonwealth on account of settling any such dispute or complaint as aforesaid: *Provided*, The said justice shall be fully satisfied that the settlement of such complaint or charge will not injure the safety of the citizens or the peace of society.

Justices of the peace, before whom complaints have been made, in cases of assault and battery, authorized to dismiss the same, on the application and with the consent of the parties, complainants and defendants.

Compensation for such service

CHARLES PORTER, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

JAMES BRADY, *Speaker*  
of the Senate.

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THOMAS M'KEAN.