

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* 1786.
That the prothonotary of the said Supreme Court, and such other discreet persons as the Justices of the same court shall, from time to time, nominate and appoint, shall be, within the counties where they respectively reside, commissioners of bail, and they are hereby severally empowered to take and receive recognizances of bail, in any suit or action in the same court depending, in the same manner and form as the Judges of the said court may or do take the same, and for the same fee as formerly allowed by law.

Commissioners of bail to be appointed. [See chap. 1864, sect. 12.]

[**SECT. IX.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the prothonotary of the said Supreme Court shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer of the state, for the support of government, the sum of seven shillings and six-pence upon every writ of *capias ad respondendum*, summons or other writ, whereby any suit or action shall be commenced in the said court, by virtue of this act.]

Additional tax on suits in Supreme Court [supplied.]

[**SECT. X.** And whereas the difficulty and importance of the questions that frequently arise in the said court of Common Pleas for the county of Philadelphia, render it necessary that a person of legal knowledge and abilities should constantly preside in the said court :]

[Sect. 10, 11, 12, supplied by the existing constitution.]

[**SECT. XI.** And whereas the principles of justice, and the directions of the constitution, require that a compensation be provided, in some measure adequate to the services, which shall be rendered to the public by the said President :]

[**SECT. XII.** *Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That, from and after the passing this act, there shall be paid for every writ issued out of the said court (writs of *subpœna*, *venire facias*, and writs at the suit of the commonwealth, excepted) by the person suing out the same, the sum of one shilling, over and besides the usual and customary fees; and that from and after the first day of January aforesaid, the like sum shall be paid by the plaintiff for every rule of reference, which shall be made and entered into, in any action in the same court depending, which sums shall be received by the Prothonotary, and by him accounted for and paid, quarterly, to the president of the said court.]

Tax on writs and rules of reference, for compensating the services of the President of Philadelphia Common Pleas.

Passed 25th September, 1786.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 132.

CHAPTER MCCXXXIX.

An ACT to incorporate the Presbyterian church of Silver Spring, in the county of Cumberland.

Passed 25th September, 1786.—Private Act—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 155.