

ing the second district, shall hold their elections at Shasbazer Benley's mill, on Pidgeon creek; the freemen of the following bounds, beginning at the mouth of Montour's run, (Ohio river,) thence up said run to the head of the principal branch thereof, thence south, (crossing Robinson run,) to Miller's run, thence down said run to Chartiers creek, thence by a straight line to the head of the principal fork of Peter's creek, thence with the line of the second district down said creek to Monongahela river, and down said river to Ohio river, and down said river to the place of beginning, being the third district, shall hold their elections at the house of Daniel Shaughan's, in said district; the freemen of the following bounds, beginning at the head of Peter's creek, and along the lines of the second district to the south fork of Ten Mile creek, thence westerly by the lines of the first district to the western boundary line of the state, thence north to Cross creek, thence up said creek to Marshall's saw mill, thence to the head thereof at William Campbell's, thence along the dividing ridge to Miller's run, thence with said run to Chartiers creek, thence along the line of the third district to the place of beginning, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the court-house in the town of Washington; the freemen of the following bounds, beginning at the mouth of Montour's run, thence with the lines of the third district to Miller's run to the head thereof, thence with the line of the fourth district, and to the nearest place on said line to the heads of Raccoon creek, from thence a straight line to said creek, and down the same to Ohio river, thence up said river to the place of beginning, being the fifth district, shall hold their elections at the house of Joshua Meek, in said district; and all the freemen of the remainder of the county, not included in the before mentioned districts shall hold their elections at the house of George Blazer, on the waters of King's creek.

Passed 20th September, 1787.—Recorded in Law Book No III.

CHAPTER MCCC.

An ACT for erecting part of Bedford county into a separate county.

SECT. I. WHEREAS it hath been represented to the General Assembly of this state, by the inhabitants of that part of Bedford county which lies on the waters of the Frankstown branch of Juniata, the lower part of the Rays-town branch of the same, the Standing Stone Valley, part of Woodcock Valley, the waters of Aughwick creek, and other the north-easterly parts of the said county of Bedford, that they labour under great hardships from their great distance from the present seat of justice, and the public offices for the said county, now in the town of Bedford: For remedy whereof,

SECT. II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That all and singular the lands lying within the bounds and limits, herein after described and following, shall be, and are hereby, erected into a separate county by the name of Huntingdon county; namely, be-*

Part of Bedford erected into a new county, and called Huntingdon;

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ginning in the line of Bedford and Franklin counties, where the new state road, (by some called Skinner's road,) leading from Shippenburg to Littleton, crosses the Tuscarora mountain; thence in a straight course or line, to the Gap in the Shade mountain, where the road formerly called Pott's road crosses the same, about two miles north of Littleton; thence by a straight line to the Old Gap, in Sideling Hill, where Sideling Hill creek crosses the mountain; thence in a straight line by the northerly side of Sebastian Shoub's mill, on the Raystown branch of Juniata; thence on a straight line to the Elk Gap, in Tussey's mountain; computed to be about nineteen miles above or south-westerly of the town of Huntingdon, (formerly called the Standing Stone,) and from the said Elk Gap, in a straight line, to the Gap at Jacob Stevens's mill, a little below where Woolery's mill formerly stood, in Morrison's cove; thence in a straight line by the southerly side of Blair's mill, at the foot of the Allegheny mountain; thence across the said mountain, in a straight line, to and along the ridges dividing the waters of Conemaugh from the waters of Clearfield and Chest creeks, to the line of Westmoreland county; thence by the same to the old purchase line, which was run from Kittaning to the west branch of Susquehanna river; and along the said line to the said west branch, and down the same to the mouth of Moshannon creek, and along the remaining lines or boundaries which now divide the county of Bedford from the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland and Franklin, to the place of beginning.

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SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inhabitants of the said county shall, at all times hereafter have and enjoy all and singular the privileges and jurisdictions, which the inhabitants of any other county within this state do, may, or ought to enjoy, by the constitution and laws of the state.

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SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That [the Justices of the Peace, commissioned at the time of passing this act, and residing within the bounds and limits of the said county, herein and hereby erected and constituted, shall be Justices of the Peace for the said county, during the time for which they are so commissioned;] and they, or any three of them, shall and may hold courts of General Quarter Sessions of the peace; and the Justices of the Common Pleas, in like manner commissioned and residing, or any three of them, shall and may hold courts of Common Pleas in the said county, during the time for which they are, as aforesaid, so commissioned; and the said courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of Common Pleas shall have all and singular the powers and authorities, rights and jurisdictions, to all intents and purposes, which any other courts of General Quarter Sessions, and of the Common Pleas, in any of the other counties of this state, may, can or ought to have in their respective counties; which courts shall sit and be held for the said county of Huntingdon, hereby erected, [on the first Tuesday in the months of December, March, June and September, at the house now occupied by Ludwig Sell, in the town of Huntingdon, in the said county, until a court-house shall be built, as hereinafter directed, for the said county;] and then shall be holden and kept at the said court-house, on the days and times before mentioned.

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SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* 1787.
 That the inhabitants of each township in the said county, qualified by law to elect, shall, at the usual places in the respective districts, as heretofore laid off for the county of Bedford, and which may now fall within the county hereby erected; that is to say, in the town of Huntingdon, for what was called the third district, at the house of George Cluggage; in Shirley township, for the fifth district; and at the house of David Lowrey, in Tyrone township, for the sixth district; at the same time, and in like manner, as the inhabitants of the townships and districts of other counties in the state, meet and choose [Justices of the peace,] inspectors, judges of the election for Representatives in General Assembly, a [Counsellor,] and other elective county officers, agreeably to the constitution and laws of this state for the time being.

Election districts of the county;

and officers to be elected.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
 That the Sheriff, Treasurers, Prothonotaries, Collectors of excise, and all such other officers as have heretofore given security for the faithful discharge of their several offices in the other counties of this state, and who shall hereafter be appointed or elected in the said county, before they or any of them shall enter upon the execution of their respective offices, duties and trusts, shall give sufficient security in the like sums, and in the like manner and forms, and for the same uses, trusts and purposes, as such other officers and persons, elected and appointed for the like offices, duties and trusts, are obliged by law to give in the county of Bedford, for the time being.

Of the county officers.

SECT. IX. And whereas the petitioners for erecting the said county have unanimously represented to this house, that the town of Huntingdon, on the river Juniata, is a proper and central place for the seat of justice in the said county; and the proprietor of the said town, at the desire and with the approbation of the inhabitants and owners of lots and buildings in the same, hath laid off and set apart a proper and sufficient quantity of grounds for the site of a court-house, county gaol and prison, and hath engaged to give, assure and convey the same to the commonwealth, in trust, and for the use and benefit of the said county; provided the said town of Huntingdon shall be fixed upon by law as a proper place for the seat of justice in the said county: Therefore,

SECT. X. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
 That Benjamin Elliot, Thomas Duncan Smith, Ludwig Sell, George Ashman and William M'Elevey, be, and they are hereby appointed trustees for the said county of Huntingdon, and they, or any three of them, shall take assurance of and for the land and grounds proposed to be appropriated, as aforesaid, in the said town of Huntingdon, for the site of a court-house and county gaol or prison, and shall take care that the quantity of ground so to be appropriated be sufficient and convenient for the public purposes aforesaid, and as little detrimental as possible to the proprietors and owners of the contiguous lots and buildings; which assurance and conveyance of the grounds, as aforesaid, the said trustees, or any three of them, shall take in the name of the commonwealth, in trust, and for the use and benefit of the said county of Huntingdon, and thereupon erect a court-house and prison, sufficient to accommodate the public service of the said county.

County trustees appointed to take public lots.

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SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Justices of the Supreme Court of this state shall have the like powers, jurisdictions and authorities, within the said county of Huntingdon, as by law they are vested with and entitled to have and exercise in any other county or counties of this state, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time, to deliver the gaol of the said county of capital and other offenders, in the same manner as they are authorized and empowered to do in any other counties of the same.

SECT. XIV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That such of the inhabitants of the third and sixth districts of the said county of Bedford, as shall not fall within the lines of the county of Huntingdon, herein and hereby erected, shall give their votes, at the next and succeeding general elections for the said county of Bedford, at the town of Bedford; and such of the inhabitants of the fifth district, as shall not fall within the lines of said county, but continue within the county of Bedford, shall vote at the house of William Kerney, in the second district, till further provision be made for that effect according to law. (e)

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(e) The sections omitted in this act were temporary and are now obsolete.

§ 7 and 8 respected the temporary apportionment of representation, between Bedford and Huntingdon counties.

§ 11, money to be raised for the county buildings.

§ 13, provided for the continuance of the suits commenced in Bedford county.

Commissioners appointed by act of 2d of March, 1789, (chap. 1381,) to run the boundary lines of Huntingdon county.

By an act passed the first of April, 1791, (chap. 1533,) for running the boundary lines between *Huntingdon* and *Mifflin* counties. The line is described as follows, "Beginning where the province line crosses the Tuscarora mountain, and running along the summit of that mountain to the Gap, near the head of the Path Valley; thence with a north line to the Juniata; and the said line, from the said Gap to the Juniata, being run, shall be the boundary line between the counties of Huntingdon and Mifflin, on the south side of the river Juniata.

Other commissioners to be appointed by act passed 30th of September, 1791, (chap. 1585.)

And, by act passed 29th of March, 1792, (chap. 1606,) "A straight line, beginning in the middle of the Water Gap in the Tuscarora mountain; and from thence to the river Juniata, in such direction as to include Joseph Galloway's farm within Huntingdon county, at the mouth of Galloway's run, shall be the line between Huntingdon and Mifflin counties,

By act of 29th of March, 1798, (chap. 1980,) commissioners to be appointed to run the lines between Bedford and Huntingdon, according to the following boundaries, "Beginning at the old Gap in Sideling hill, where Sideling hill creek crosses the same; thence in a straight line, by the northerly side of *Sebastian Shoup's* mill, on the Ray's-town branch of Juniata, thence in a straight line to the Elk Gap in Tussey's mountain. And between Huntingdon and Somerset, according to the following boundaries, *viz.* Beginning on that part of the line between the counties of Bedford and Huntingdon, near the southerly side of Blair's mills, at the foot of the Allegheny mountain; thence across the said mountain, in a straight line, to and along the ridges dividing the waters of *Conemaugh*, from the waters of the *Clearfield* and *Chest* creeks, to the line of Westmoreland county; thence by the same to the old purchase line, which was run from *Kittanning* to the west branch of the Susquehanna.

And see the act erecting Centre county, passed 13th of February, 1800, (chap. 2092)

And by act passed 7th of January, 1801, the line between *Huntingdon* and *Centre*, shall begin at a point on the *Tussey's* mountain, three miles south-west of the line, which divided Mifflin and Huntingdon counties, thence by a direct line to the head of the south west branch of Bald Eagle creek, and thence a direct line to the head waters of the *Moshannon*, (chap. 2147.)

Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court extended to the new county.

Regulations respecting the third, sixth, and fifth election districts of Bedford county.

Part of Huntingdon to form part of Cambria county, by act of 26th of March, 1804, (chap. 2466.)

By the last enumeration, the county of *Huntingdon*, was found to contain two thousand seven hundred and sixty-six taxables; and with the county of *Mifflin* five thousand two hundred and seven taxables. *Huntingdon* therefore sends two members to the house of representatives, and in conjunction with the county of *Mifflin*, one member to the senate, in pursuance of the act of 21st of March, 1808, (chap. 2931,) apportioning the representation of the state.

The third and fourth election districts established by act of 22d of September, 1794, (chap. 1774.)

The fifth and sixth election districts established by act of 21st of March, 1797, (chap. 1822, sect. 7.)

The seventh election district established, and part of the fifth annexed to the third district, by act of 4th of April, 1798, (chap. 1944, sect. 1-2.)

The eighth election district established by act of 16th of January, 1799, (chap. 2001.)

Place of holding the elections in the

fourth district changed by act of 8th of April, 1799, (chap. 2050, sect. 18.)

The ninth election district established, and the first and eighth districts enlarged by act of 17th of December, 1800, (chap. 2144.)

The place of holding elections in the sixth district, changed by act of 25th of February, 1793, (chap. 2327.) And in the 7th district, by act of 5th of March, 1804, (chap. 2432.)

Another ninth district established by act of 31st of March, 1806, (chap. 2715, sect. 15.)

The tenth election district established by act of 11th of April, 1807, (chap. 2856, sect. 18.)

The places of holding elections in the second and third districts, changed by act of 4th of April, 1809, sect. 15-16.

By the judiciary act of 24th of Feb'y, 1806, *Mifflin*, Centre, *Huntingdon* and *Bedford*, form the fourth judiciary district. The courts are held on the second Mondays of January, April, August and November. The term continues one week.

Huntingdon forms part of the southern district of the supreme court.

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CHAPTER MCCC I.

An ACT to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church of Saint John, at York-Town.

Passed 20th September, 1787.—Private Act—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 325.

CHAPTER MCCC II.

An ACT for establishing and building a bridge across Conestogoe creek, in the county of Lancaster. (f)

SECT. I. WHEREAS it hath been represented to this House, by the petitions of a considerable number of the inhabitants of the county of *Lancaster*, that the erecting a good and substantial bridge across the *Conestogoe* creek, on the great road leading from the city of *Philadelphia* to the borough of *Lancaster*, in the county of *Lancaster*, would greatly benefit the trade and general interest of the community, which at present are considerably impeded by the frequent rise of the waters of said creek, and the badness of the landing places on each side thereof: And whereas *Abraham Witmer*, in order to effect an uninterrupted communication between the city of *Philadelphia* and the western counties of this state, and at the same time to obtain some advantages for himself and family, is desirous of erecting a bridge, as aforesaid, across the said creek, at his

(f) See a supplement to this act, (chap. 1999,) passed 4th of April, 1798. (Note to former edition.)