

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.)

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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 the property of the aforesaid bridge, when built, shall be, and the same is hereby vested in the said Abraham Witmer, his heirs and assigns, for ever, and that the said Abraham Witmer, his heirs or assigns, shall and may demand and receive toll from travellers, and others, according to the following rates, viz. For every coach, landau, chariot, phaeton, waggon, or other four wheeled carriage, the sum of one shilling and six-pence; for every chaise, riding-chair, cart, or other two wheeled carriage, the sum of nine-pence; for every sled, the sum of one shilling; for every single horse and rider, the sum of four-pence; for every foot passenger, the sum of two-pence; and one penny for every head of horned cattle, sheep or swine, crossing the same.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Abraham Witmer, his heirs and assigns, to erect and build, maintain and support a good and substantial bridge over and across the said creek, at the place aforesaid. *Provided nevertheless,* That a passage on said road of twenty feet wide, in a direct and straight line, on the north side, and at both ends of said bridge, be left free, open, and clear of every incumbrance or interruption whatsoever.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the said Abraham Witmer, his heirs or assigns, or whosoever shall hereafter own or possess the same bridge, shall exact or demand any greater or other rates or prices for the passage over the same, than what is herein before prescribed or specified, or shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good repair, he, she, or they, so offending, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds, one moiety thereof to the poor of the townships of Lancaster and Lampeter, in the county of Lancaster, in equal portions, and the other moiety to the party complaining, or who may sue for the same, to be recovered before any Justice of the peace of the said county, who is hereby empowered, on information made to him on oath of any such offence, to issue his summons or warrant to any constable of the county, commanding him to bring, or to cause every person, against whom such information shall be made, to come before him, and on due proof of the said offence to convict such person

The bridge over Conestogoe creek vested in A. Witmer.

Rates of toll to be taken.

Authority to build the bridge.

A passage to be left open on the road.

Penalty on taking more toll than the law allows;

to recover the same.

thereof, and on such conviction to issue his warrant, after the expiration of five days from the date of such conviction, to any such constable, to levy the said sum of money on the goods and chattels of such offender, by distress and sale thereof; and in case no goods or chattels of the said offender can be found, on which to make such distress, then to take his body, and commit him to the gaol of the county where such offence is committed, until the said sum be paid. *Provided always*, That any person as aforesaid convicted, who shall find himself aggrieved thereby, may, within the said five days, appeal to the next court of Quarter Sessions for the county, which appeal, on giving security within the said time, before the said Justice, by two sufficient freeholders of the county, to pay all costs, shall be allowed, and if the conviction so made by the said Justice shall be confirmed, the said Justice shall proceed to levy the said forfeiture in manner herein before directed.

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Appeal allowed.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all poor persons, exempted from the payment of county rates and levies, shall have liberty to pass and repass the same bridge toll free.

What paupers shall be exempted from toll.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That whensoever, at any time after the erection and building of the said bridge, it shall seem expedient to the legislature to constitute and make the said bridge, so erected and built, a free bridge, by a law, to be enacted for that purpose, three commissioners shall be appointed by the legislature, on the part of the commonwealth, and three by the said Abraham Witmer, his heirs or assigns, who, or any four or more of them, shall estimate what sum or sums of money the said Abraham Witmer, his heirs and assigns, shall be entitled to receive, as a compensation for his trouble and expenses in building and maintaining the said bridge, which sum or sums shall be paid to him or them, out of the treasury of this commonwealth.

The legislature may make the bridge a free one, paying a compensation to the owner.

Passed 22d September, 1787.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 304.

### CHAPTER MCCCIII.

*An ACT to incorporate and endow an academy, or public school, in the town of Washington.*

Passed 24th September, 1787.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 307.

### CHAPTER MCCCIV.

*An ACT for erecting the town of York, in the county of York into a borough, for regulating the buildings, preventing nuisances and encroachments on the commons, squares, streets, lanes and alleys of the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

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[SECT. II. YORK erected into a borough, and its boundaries described. 3. Borough officers appointed until others should be elected. 4. The corporation to be styled "The burgesses, and in-