

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, 1789.* That the inhabitants of all that part of Washington county by this act annexed to the said county of Allegheny, shall, at all times hereafter, have and enjoy all and singular the jurisdictions, powers, rights, liberties and privileges, whatsoever, which the inhabitants of Allegheny county, or the inhabitants of any other county within this state, do, may, or ought to enjoy, by the laws of this state.

Rights and privileges of the inhabitants of the part of Washington annexed to Allegheny.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That Peter Kidd and John Beaver, be, and they or either of them are and is hereby, authorized and directed to survey and mark the lines, agreeable to the directions of this act, for which service they shall be severally allowed twenty-five shillings per day each, and no more; and the charges so incurred shall be defrayed by the said county of Allegheny, and for that purpose levied and raised by the inhabitants thereof, in like manner with other public money by law raised and levied for the use of the said county.

Boundary lines to be marked.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That should it so happen that any of the election districts, heretofore established within the county of Washington, shall be separated and divided into parts by the running of the said lines, then, and in such case or cases, all such parts of such districts as shall be and remain within the county of Washington shall be, and they are hereby annexed to such other election districts within the said county of Washington, as shall be next adjoining to such parts of any such separated and divided districts, and the freemen of such parts thereof shall vote at their elections at the same places appointed by law for the holding of the elections of such districts, to which they shall be so as aforesaid annexed.

Provision in case any election district is divided.

Passed 17th September, 1789.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 535.

## CHAPTER MCCCCXXV.

*An ACT for erecting certain parts of Cumberland and Northumberland counties into a separate county.*

SECT. I. **WHEREAS** it hath been represented to the General Assembly of this state, by the inhabitants of those parts of Cumberland and Northumberland counties, which are included within the lines hereinafter mentioned, that they labour under great hardships by reason of their great distance from the present seats of justice, and the public offices for the said counties: 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 "Mifflin county," namely; beginning at Susquehanna river, where the Turkey hill extends to the said river, then along the said hill to Juniata, where it cuts Tusca-

Mifflin county erected.

Boundaries thereof.

1789. rora mountain, thence along the summit of the said mountain to the line of Franklin county, thence along the said line to Huntingdon county line, thence along the said line to Juniata river, thence up the said river to Jack's narrows, thence along the line of Huntingdon county to the summit of Tussey's mountain, thence along the lines of Huntingdon and Northumberland counties, so as to include the whole of Upper Bald Eagle township, in the county of Northumberland, to the mouth of Buck creek, where it empties into the Bald Eagle creek, thence to Logan's gap, in Nittany mountain, then to the head of Penn's creek, thence down the said creek to Sinking creek, leaving George M'Cormick's, in Northumberland county, thence to the top of Jack's mountain, at the line between Northumberland county and Cumberland, thence along the said line to Montour's spring, at the heads of Mahantango creek, thence down the said creek to Susquehanna river, and thence down the said river to the place of beginning.

Privileges of the inhabitants of the new county.

SECT. III. *And be it 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 this state.

Of the judiciary of the new county. (Altered by the existing constitution.)

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 were so commissioned, and they, or any three of them, shall and may hold courts of General Quarter Sessions of Peace. And the Justices of the Common Pleas, in like manner commissioned and residing, or any three or more of them, shall and may hold courts of Common Pleas in the said county, during the time they were 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; and the said courts of Common Pleas shall sit and be held for the said county of Mifflin, on the second Tuesdays in the months of December, March, June and September, in each year, at the house now occupied by Arthur Buchanan, until a court-house shall be built, as hereafter directed; and the courts of Quarter Sessions of and for the said county shall open and commence on the days next preceding the opening of the said courts of Common Pleas, in each of the said months, in each year as aforesaid, until the time aforesaid, and then shall sit, and be holden and kept at the said court-house, on the days and times before mentioned.

Of the places of holding elections in the new county.

SECT. VI. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inhabitants of each township of the county hereby erected, qualified by law to elect, shall, at the usual places in their respective districts, as heretofore laid off from the counties of Cumberland and Northumberland, and which may now fall in the county hereby

erected, at the same time, and in like manner, as the inhabitants of the townships and districts of the other counties in the state, meet, and choose [Justices of the Peace,] Inspectors, Judges of elections for Representatives in the General Assembly, [a Councillor,] and other elective county officers, agreeably to the constitution and laws of this state, for the time being: *Provided always nevertheless,* That that part of Northumberland county, which is contained within the bounds of the said county of Mifflin, be and the same hereby is, erected into an election district; and that the freemen of the said district meet at the house now occupied by Enoch Hesting, and hold their elections. 1789.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Sheriff, Treasurer, Prothonotary, [Collector of excise,] and all such other officers, as have heretofore given security for the faithful performance of and 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 officers and persons, elected and appointed for the like offices, duties and trusts, are obliged by law to give in the county of Cumberland, for the time being. Of the county officers:

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That John Oliver, William Brown, David Beale, John Stewart, David Bole and Andrew Gregg, of said county, be, and they are hereby appointed trustees for the county aforesaid, with full authority for them, or a majority of them, to purchase, or take and receive by grant, bargain, or otherwise, any quantity or quantities of land, not exceeding one hundred and fifty acres, on the north side of Juniata river, and within one mile from the mouth of Kishicoquilis creek, for the use, trust and benefit of said county, and to lay out the same into regular town lots, and to dispose of so many of them, as they, or any four of them, may think best for the advantage of said county, and they, or any four of them, are hereby authorized to sell and convey so many of them as they may think proper, and with the monies so arising from the sale of said lots, and with other monies to be duly assessed, levied and collected, within the said county of Mifflin, for that purpose, which it is hereby declared it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners thereof to do, or cause to be done, to build and erect a court-house and prison, suitable and convenient for the public, on the public and such other square as shall be reserved for that purpose; and the said trustees shall, from time to time, render true and faithful accounts of the expenditures of the same, not only to the Commissioners, but to the Grand Jury, for inspection, adjustment and settlement of the accounts of said county. (t) Trustees for the county buildings of Mifflin.

SECT. X. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Justices of the Supreme Court, and of the courts of Oyer and Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court

(u) Another trustee was added by an act of the 5th day of April, 1790. (Note to former edition.)

1789. Terminer and General Gaol Delivery of this state, shall have the like powers, jurisdictions and authorities, within the said county of **Mifflin**, as by law they are vested with and entitled to have and exercise in other 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 this state.

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county.

Passed 19th September, 1789.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 536. (x.)

(x.) The sections omitted in this act were temporary, and are now obsolete, as,

§ 5. For the collection of the arrearages of taxes laid before the division of Cumberland county.

§ 8. The apportionment of representation between Mifflin and Cumberland.

§ 11. Process previously instituted in Cumberland, not to be affected by this act.

For alterations in the boundaries of this county, see chap. 1300, ante. page 417, and the act of 1st of April, 1791, (chap. 1533,) commissioners appointed to run the lines between *Huntingdon* and *Mifflin* by act of 30th September, 1791, (chap. 1585.)

A certain line between *Huntingdon* and *Mifflin*, on the south side of *Funiata* by act of 29th of March, 1792, (chap. 1606.)

That part of *Mifflin* taken from *Northumberland*, with parts of other counties, erected into *Centre* county, by act of 13th of Feb'y, 1800, (chap. 2092.)

By the last enumeration, the county of *Mifflin* contained two thousand four hundred and forty-one taxables; and, with the county of *Huntingdon*, five thousand two hundred and seven taxables; and by the act of March 21st, 1808, apportioning the representation in pursuance thereof, this county sends two members to the House of Representatives, and, in conjunction with *Huntingdon*, one member to the Senate.

Two election districts were established in this county, by act of 29th of September, 1789, (chap. 1444.)

Two additional districts established by act of 9th of April, 1791, (chap. 1550.)

Bald Eagle and part of *Potter* township, erected into a district, and place of holding elections in the residue of *Potter*, changed, by act of 13th of March, 1795, (chap. 1799.)

The district of *Fermanagh* and *Milford*, to hold their elections at *Mifflin* town school-house, by act of 8th of April, 1799, (chap. 2049,) and by act of 3d of April, 1804, (chap. 2507,) at the house of *David Steele*, in the same town.

Place of holding elections in *Lack* and *Union* districts, changed by act of 25th of February, 1801, (chap. 2188.)

*Arnagh* township erected into a district by act of 31st of March, 1806, (chap. 2715, § 21.)

The elections for the 5th district to be held in *Waynesburg*, by act of 11th of April, 1807, (chap. 2856, § 30.)

Place of holding elections in *Greenwood* township fixed, and *Milford* township erected into a separate district, by act of 4th of April, 1809, § 22.23.

By the judiciary act of 24th of Feb'y, 1806, *Mifflin*, *Centre*, *Huntingdon* and *Belford*, compose the fourth judiciary district.

The courts in *Mifflin* county are held on the third Mondays in January, April, August and November. The term continues one week.

This county is attached to the Middle district of the Supreme Court.

## CHAPTER MCCCCXXVI.

An ACT to divide the county of *Berks* into election districts.

SECT. I. WHEREAS, the freemen of the county of *Berks* have by their petitions to this House, prayed, that the said county may be divided into election districts, and it is conceived that the same would contribute to their ease in attending their General Elections: