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dollars for his loss or damage, it shall and may be lawful to and for such person or persons to apply to any justice of the peace of the county where the offence is committed, who is hereby empowered and required, by warrant under his hand and seal, to cause the party offending to be brought before him, or some other justice of the peace of the same county; and if, upon examination, it shall appear to the justice, by the testimony of one or more credible witness or witnesses, that the defendant is guilty of the charge exhibited against him, then the said justice shall issue his warrant to two or more freeholders of the neighbourhood, thereby commanding them, in the presence of the defendant, if he will be present, to view the place or thing damaged, or enquire into the loss sustained by the plaintiff, and to certify to the said justice, upon their oath or affirmation, what damage in their judgment the plaintiff hath sustained by occasion of the premises, and that upon the return of such certificate to the said justice, he is hereby empowered to grant execution for the recovery of the said damages, together with cost of prosecution, as is usual in the recovery of debts under ten pounds; *Provided always*, That if any person or persons shall apprehend him, her or themselves, aggrieved by the determination of any justice of the peace, in consequence of this act, he, she or they shall have a right to appeal from the judgment of the said justice to the next Court of Common Pleas of the proper county.

Appeal.

Servants
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 punished.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That where any offence shall be committed against the tenor of this act, by any white or black servant, without the direction of his, her or their master or mistress, respectively, and such offenders be thereof duly convicted, by the oath or affirmation of one credible witness, such offender or offenders, unless his or her master or mistress will pay the damages sustained, with costs of suit, shall be committed to the gaol of the county, there to be kept to hard labour for three months, and from thence until the cost of prosecution be paid.

Repeal of
 the former
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*(chap. 338.)

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the act, entitled "An Act to prevent the damages that may happen by firing of woods," passed the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five,* is hereby repealed, and made null and void.

Passed 18th April, 1794.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 221.

CHAPTER MDCCXXXVI.

An ACT to incorporate the Insurance Company of the state of Pennsylvania.

[THIS company is incorporated by the name and style of "The insurance company of Pennsylvania," with the usual corporate powers. Deposits for safe keeping of money, to be in the bank of Pennsylvania. 2. The capital stock to be five hundred thousand dollars, and divided into shares of four hundred dollars each. 3. To

insure against losses by sea or land, or on risques by fire, upon life or lives, and to lend money on bottomry or respondenture. 4. How the shares are to be paid for, and penalty for default. 5. Ready money to be always reserved to pay losses, &c. 6. Thirteen directors to be chosen annually on the second Monday in January. 7. The powers of the directors prescribed. 8. The stock to be vested in certain public securities, &c. 9. The fundamental articles declared, (but the first article respecting the number of votes of the stockholders, is repealed and supplied by act of 5th March, 1795, chap. 1794.) 10. Penalty on trading. 11. Corporation to continue until 1st January, 1815.]

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CHAPTER MDCCXXXVIII.

An ACT for erecting a certain part of Luzerne county into a separate election district.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to the legislature, that it would be of great convenience to the inhabitants of that part of Luzerne county, comprised within the bounds herein after mentioned, that a separate election district should be erected therein :

SECT. I. *Be 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* the part of Luzerne county, contained within the following bounds, viz. beginning on the north line of the state, at the corner of Northampton and Luzerne counties ; thence west, on a straight line, until it meets the stream called Wappasena ; thence southwardly, up said stream, to the head thereof ; thence continuing a south course, to the distance of twenty miles from the York line ; thence east, to the line of Northampton county ; thence north, on said line, to the place of beginning ; shall be, and the same is hereby, erected into a separate election district ; and the inhabitants residing within the said district shall hold their annual elections, hereafter, at the times, and in the manner, prescribed by law, at the house now occupied by Horatio Strong, in the said district.

A new election district erected in Luzerne county.

Passed 18th April, 1794.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 226.

CHAPTER MDCCXXXIX.

An ACT to repeal an act, entitled “ An Act for erecting a Loan-Office, for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars,” enacted the eleventh day of April last, so far as the same hath not been acted upon.

(Original act, chap. 1686.)

WHEREAS the act, entitled “ An Act for erecting a Loan-Office, for the sum of five hundred thousand dollars,” passed the eleventh day of April last, hath been found inexpedient, and not to answer the purposes intended by the legislature : Therefore,