

CHAPTER MDCCCXVI.

1797.

An ACT for raising by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to be applied to the defraying the expenses of paving the streets in the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster.

SECT. 1. [COMMISSIONERS appointed to raise money, by way of lottery, to pave the streets of Lancaster. Application of the money. 2. The scheme of the lottery to be approved by the Governor, surety to be given by the Commissioners and Treasurer. 3. Prizes, when to be paid. 4. Qualification of the Commissioners, list of prizes to be published. 5. Accounts of the lottery, how to be settled. 6. Limitation for demanding prizes. 7. The money raised to be applied to paving the streets.]

Passed 9th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 157.

CHAPTER MDCCCXVIII.

A SUPPLEMENT to the Penal Laws of this State.

WHEREAS it frequently happens that persons, against whom indictments are presented by the grand inquests for the bodies of the respective counties throughout this commonwealth, are afterwards acquitted by a petit jury trying the truth of the same: And whereas, by the existing laws, a party so acquitted is equally liable to costs of prosecution as if he were convicted, which operates injustice, and a punishment to the innocent: For remedy whereof,

(See vol. 2, pa. 531, and the notes thereto.)

SECT. 1. *Be it therefore 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 from and after the passing of this act, all costs accruing on all bills of indictment found by the grand jury of the city or any county in this commonwealth charging a party with any felony, breach of the peace, or other indictable offence, shall, if such party be acquitted by a petit jury, on the traverse of the same, be paid out of the county stock, by the city or county in which the prosecution commenced.

Costs, on an acquittal to be paid by the county.

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CHAPTER MDCCCXXII.

An ACT for the erection of certain election districts, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

SECT. 1. *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 freemen of the district of Southwark, the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, in the county of Philadelphia, shall from henceforth hold their general elections at the Commissioners' Hall, in the district of Southwark aforesaid.

Electors of Southwark, Moyamensing and Passyunk, where to elect.

1797.

New election districts established in Allegheny county.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the townships of Irwin and Mead, in the county of Allegheny, are hereby erected into a separate election district, and that the freemen of the said district shall hold their annual elections in the block-house in Mead borough, in the township of Mead aforesaid; that the freemen of the township of Elizabeth, in the county of Allegheny, shall in future hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Samuel Bayard, in the township of Elizabeth aforesaid; and that the freemen of the townships of Bethel and East-Hanover, in the county of Dauphin, shall in future hold their general elections at the house now the property of Christopher Capp, junior, in the town of Williamsburg, in Bethel township aforesaid.

Election districts established in Somerset county.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the township of Turkey Foot in the county of Somerset, is hereby erected into a separate election district, and the freemen of the said township shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by John Nicklow, in said township; and the townships of Milford and Somerset shall be a separate election district, and the freemen of the said townships shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Henry and Jacob Schnyder, in the town of Somerset aforesaid, until a court-house is built, after which period they shall hold their general elections at the court-house.

The fifth election district in Bedford county established.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the north end of Belfast township, in the county of Bedford, beginning at Sideling hill, and bounded by the south branch of a run descending from the said hill to Licking creek, and from thence a straight line to Scrub Ridge, shall be annexed to the fifth district, and the freemen residing therein shall hereafter hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Daniel McConnel, in the township of Air.

Lycoming county divided in five election districts.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the county of Lycoming shall be divided into five election districts, to wit, the township of Loyalsock, and that part of Lycoming township lying east of Pine Run, and also that part of Washington township lying north of the Bald Eagle Mountain, being the first election district, the freemen residing therein shall hold their general elections at the court-house; the township of Muncy, and that part of the township of Washington lying south of the Bald Eagle Mountain, being the second election district, the freemen residing therein shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Henry Shoemaker, junior, in the township of Muncy aforesaid; and that part of the township of Lycoming lying west of Pine Run, and that part of Pine Creek township east of Chatham's Run, and the township of Nippinose, being the third election district, the freemen residing therein shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Thomas Ramsey, at Pine Creek; and that part of the township of Pine Creek west of Chatham's Run, being the fourth election district, the freemen residing therein shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Hugh Andrew, in Dunnsburgh: the township of Bald Eagle being the fifth election district, the freemen residing therein shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Frederick Richards, in said township.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* 1797.
 That the townships of Westcaln, Sadsbury, East-Fallowfield, and West-Fallowfield, in the county of Chester, shall henceforth be a separate election district, to be called the fourth district, the qualified electors whereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by James Hollis, in the township of East-Fallowfield; and that the townships of East-Nottingham, West-Nottingham, Upper and Lower-Oxford, in the said county, shall compose a separate election district, to be called the fifth district, the qualified electors whereof shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Samuel Hood, on or near the line between the townships of East-Nottingham and Lower-Oxford; and that the townships of East-Nantmill, Coventry, and Vincent, shall compose a separate election district, to be called the sixth district, the qualified electors whereof shall hold their elections at the school-house near Pughtown, in the county of Coventry; and that the townships of Charlestown, Tredyffrin, East-town, Willistown, and East-Whitland, shall compose a separate election district, to be called the seventh district, the qualified electors whereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Richard Robinson, in Tredyffrin township.

Additional election districts established in Chester county.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
 That the townships of Woodbury and Morris, in the county of Huntingdon, be, and they hereby are erected into a separate election district, to be called the fifth election district in the county aforesaid, and the freemen of the said district shall hold their general elections at the house of Robert Smith, in the town of Williamsburgh; and that so much of the townships of Hopewell and Union, in the county aforesaid, as is included within the bounds hereinafter mentioned, shall, after the passing of this act, be a separate election district, to be called the sixth election district in said county, viz. Beginning at the Bedford county line, in the old gap of Sideling-Hill; thence by the said line to the summit of Tussey's mountain; thence by the summit of said mountain to the old path, leading from Hartsock's fort, in Woodcock valley; thence by a straight line to John Frete's house, including the same; thence by a straight line to Forshes gap in Terres mountain; thence along the summit of said mountain to the waggon road leading from Little-trough creek to Huntingdon-town; thence by a straight line to the summit of Sideling-Hill, so as to include the inhabitants of Little-trough creek; thence by the summit of the said hill to the place of beginning; and the freemen of said district shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Isaac Crum, on the Raystown branch of the Juniata river.

Election districts established in Huntingdon county.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
 That the qualified electors residing within the townships of Fannet and Metal, in the county of Franklin, shall in future hold their general elections at the school-house, in the town of Fannetsburgh.

Elections of Fannet and Metal townships in Franklin county, where to elect.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
 That the qualified electors residing within the township of Franklin, in the county of Greene, shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Thomas Slater, in or near the town of

Electors of Franklin township, in Greene county where to elect.

1797. **Waynesburgh**, until a court-house is built, after which they shall hold their said elections at the court-house; and that the qualified electors residing in Cumberland township, in the said county, shall in future hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Philip Kitcham, in said township.

Additional election district in Northampton county,

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the qualified electors residing within that part of Northampton county, which is bounded as follows, beginning in the boundary line between Pennsylvania and New-York, at the north-east corner of the county of Luzerne, thence south along the same thirty-six miles, thence north forty-five degrees east, until it strikes the Delaware river, thence up the same to the New-York line, thence along the same to the place of beginning, shall hold their general elections at the house now occupied by Elijah Dix, in the said district.

The eighth election district of Northumberland erected.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the township of Washington as belongs to the county of Northumberland, and that part of the township of White Deer, running along the White Deer mountain, to the little Spruce run, thence down the same to Matthew Laird's plantation; and from thence to the west branch of Susquehanna, to where Peter Swartz formerly lived; thence down the same to the mouth of Buffaloe creek: thence across the west branch of Susquehanna by James Stedman's, a direct line to where William Reed lives, on Chilisquaque creek, thence up said creek to the district line; and thence along said line to the place of beginning, shall be called the eighth district in the county of Northumberland; and the freemen of the said district shall hold their general elections at the house occupied by William Gallagher, in the town of Milton, any thing contained in the act, entitled "An Act to regulate elections of this commonwealth," to the contrary notwithstanding.

Rye, and part of Greenwood, in Cumberland, erected into a new district.

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That Rye township, and that part of Greenwood township, which lies south of the Fall's-hill, in the county of Cumberland, shall be, and is hereby erected into a separate election district, and the qualified electors residing therein shall meet, and hold their general elections at the Union school-house in the town of Petersburg, in Rye township aforesaid.

Passed 21st March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 162.

CHAPTER MDCCCXXIII.

An ACT to release all claims, on the part of the commonwealth, to certain lands within the Manor, or reputed Manor, of Muske, in the county of York.

WHEREAS an act passed the twenty-seventh day of November, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, entitled "An Act for vesting the estates of the late proprietaries of Pennsylvania in this commonwealth," wherein, among other things, it is provided, that all and every the private estates, lands and hereditaments, of any of the said proprietaries, whereof they are now