

all the north part of Quemahoning township, in Somerset county, 1798. from a line running due west from the Bedford county line, on the summit of Allegheny mountain, so as to intersect Stoney creek at the mouth of Mill creek, to the Westmoreland county line, on the Laurel hill, is hereby erected into a separate election district, to be called the fifth election district; and the freemen thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Miles Philips, in the town of Beula.

The fifth election district in Somerset county erected.

Passed 16th March, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 247.

CHAPTER MDCCCCLXXI.

An ACT declaring Pine creek, in the county of Lycoming, a public stream and highway.

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,* from and after the passing of this act, Pine creek, in the county of Lycoming, from the mouth up to the third fork thereof, be, and the same is hereby declared to be a public stream and highway, for the passage of boats and rafts, under the limitations and restrictions hereinafter specified; and it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants desirous of using the navigation of the said creek to remove all natural and artificial obstructions, from the mouth thereof up to the third fork of the same; and also to erect such slopes at the mill-dam now built on the said creek, as may be necessary for the passage of rafts or boats; provided such slopes shall be so constructed as not to injure the works of said dam.

Pine creek declared a public highway.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this act contained shall be deemed, taken or understood to prevent any person or persons possessing land on said creek, who before the passing of this act had authority under the laws of this commonwealth to erect a dam or dams, from erecting such dam or dams; provided that such dam or dams be so constructed and kept in repair by the owner or owners thereof, with complete slopes or locks on convenient parts of such dams as that the navigation for boats and rafts will not be injured thereby.

Persons heretofore authorized may erect dams.

Passed 16th March, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 249.

CHAPTER MDCCCCLXXIII.

An ACT to grant a sum of money to the Trustees of the academy and free school of Bucks county.

SECT. 1. [GRANT to the academy of Bucks county of four thousand dollars.]

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Trustees shall teach, or cause to be taught, gratis, Poor scholars to be there taught.

1798. in the said academy, as many poor scholars as may be offered ; provided the number does not exceed ten at any one time.

Passed 16th March, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 247.

CHAPTER MDCCCCLXXIV.

An ACT to afford relief to Pittsburgh academy, in the county of Allegheny.

SECT. 1. [GRANT to the Pittsburgh academy of five thousand dollars.]

Four scholars to be there taught.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That there shall be admitted into the said academy any number of poor students, who may at any time be offered, in order to be taught *gratis* ; provided the number so admitted and taught shall at no time be greater than ten, and that none of the said students shall continue in the said academy longer than two years, if others should apply for admittance.

Passed 16th March, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 315.

CHAPTER MDCCCCLXXV.

An ACT for erecting part of the county of Northampton into a separate county.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the northern part of Northampton county have, by their petitions, set forth to the General Assembly of this state the great hardships they labour under, from being so remote from the present seat of justice and the public offices :

Part of Northampton erected into Wayne county.

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 all that part of Northampton county, lying and being to the northward of a line to be drawn and beginning at the west end of George Michael's farm, on the river Delaware, in Middle Smithfield township, and from thence a straight line to the mouth of Trout creek, on the Lehigh, adjoining Luzerne county, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be erected into a county, henceforth to be called Wayne.

The rights of the inhabitants of the new county.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inhabitants of the said county of Wayne be entitled to, and shall at all times hereafter have, all and singular the courts, jurisdictions, officers, rights and privileges, to which the inhabitants of other counties of this state are entitled by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.

The courts of Wayne county.

[SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the first day of September next, the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions in and for the said