

on county, to be sold, and a more convenient lot purchased for 1799.
the same use, &c.]

Passed 11th April, 1799.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 31.

CHAPTER MMLXXIII.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An Act for opening and establishing a road between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh." [Original act, vol. 2, pa. 411.]

WHEREAS, from the unexplored situation of the country between Frankstown and Ligonier Valley, at the time the commissioners acted under the act to which this is a supplement, they were unable to lay out the road on the nearest course and best ground that the country afforded, and from the want of inhabitants for a considerable length of time after opening the said road, it is much out of repair: And whereas viewers have been appointed by the Courts of Quarter Sessions of the different counties, through which the said road passes, and have made such alterations therein as appeared to be necessary, and a number of the inhabitants of the counties of Huntingdon, Somerset and Westmoreland have, by their petitions to the Legislature, prayed that the said road be so altered, and a sum of money appropriated, in aid of private subscriptions, for the purpose of repairing the said road, and making the aforesaid alterations: Therefore,

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 road between the waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh be, and is hereby, confirmed, as it has been altered by the Courts of Quarter Sessions of the different counties through which the said road passes, and that the sum of eight hundred dollars, of the monies which are and hereafter shall become due from the county of Huntingdon to this commonwealth, on account of a loan made to the said county in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be appropriated, in aid of private subscriptions, for the purpose of altering and amending the same.

Confirmation of an alteration made in the course of the road between the waters of Frankstown branch of Juniata and the Conemaugh; and an appropriation for effecting the same.

SECT. 2. [Provision for forming a contract to amend the said road. 3. Further grant for the said road, of eight hundred dollars.]

Passed 11th April, 1799.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 22.

CHAPTER MMLXXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An Act for the regulation of apprentices." [Original act, vol. 1, pa. 309, chap. 616.]

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*

1799. from and after the passing of this act, if any apprentice shall absent himself or herself from the service of his or her master or mistress, before the time of his or her apprenticeship shall be expired, without leave first obtained, every such apprentice, at any time after he or she arrives to the age of twenty-one years, shall be liable to, and the master or mistress, their heirs, executors or administrators, are hereby enabled to sustain all such actions and other remedies against him or her, as if the said apprentice had been of full age at the time of executing his or her indenture of apprenticeship.

Apprentices who abscond, liable to actions for damages after they become of age.

When and how indentures may be assigned, on the death of the master or mistress of an apprentice; or by him or her in his or her life-time.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when any master or mistress shall die, before the term of apprenticeship shall be expired, the executors or administrators of such master or mistress, provided the term of the indenture extended to executors and administrators, shall and may have a right to assign over the remainder of the term of such apprenticeship to such suitable person, of the same trade or calling mentioned in the indenture, as shall be approved of by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the county where the master or mistress lived, and the assignee to have the same right to the service of such apprentice, as the master or mistress had at the time of his or her death; and, also, when any master or mistress shall assign over his or her apprentice to any person, of the same trade or calling mentioned in the indenture, the said assignment shall be legal, provided the terms of the indenture extended to assigns, and provided the apprentice, or his or her parent or parents, or guardian or guardians, shall give his, her or their consent to such assignment, before some Justice of the Peace of the county where the master or mistress shall live.

Passed 11th April, 1799.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 1.

CHAPTER MMLXXIX.

An ACT concerning writs of partition.

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 Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction over the whole commonwealth, as to the granting and proceeding upon writs of partition, at the suit of any tenant in common, joint tenant or co-partner, and that such writs may be directed to and executed by the Sheriff of any one county, wherein any part of the lands and tenements intended to be divided are situate, who shall have power, in cases where lands lie in different adjacent counties, or where the lands lie partly in one county and partly in another, to summon a proportionable number of jurymen of the freeholders of each of the said counties, to form an inquest for making a just and equal partition between the parties; and that such Sheriff shall hold the inquisition either in his own county or any such adjacent county, and make return thereof to the Court as in ordinary cases; and that such proceedings shall be as good and available in law, as if the partition had been made by the Sheriff and inquest of each respective county.

The original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court on writs of partition extended throughout the state.

Power of the Sheriff to whom the writ is directed, when lands lie in different counties.