

lands with the credits aforesaid, on account of expenses incurred in surveying or locating any lands; any custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Note (¹). Chapter 1877; 15 Statutes at Large, p. 393.

Note (²). Chapter 2185; 16 Statutes at Large, p. 548.

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## CHAPTER MMDC.

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### AN ACT TO ORGANIZE THE PROVISIONAL COUNTY OF VENANGO.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) 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 first day of September next, the inhabitants of the county of Venango shall enjoy and exercise all and singular the jurisdictions, powers and privileges whatsoever within the same, which the inhabitants of other counties do, may or ought to enjoy within their respective counties by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the judges of the supreme court, the president of the sixth circuit or district, and the judges to be appointed in the said county of Venango, shall have and exercise like powers, jurisdictions and authorities within and over the same, as are or may be warranted to and exercised by the judges in other counties within this state.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sheriffs, coroners, treasurers, and all such other officers as have usually given, or as, are or may be by law directed to give bail, for the faithful discharge of the duties of their offices, who shall hereafter be elected or appointed in the county of Venango, shall, before they enter on the duties of their offices, give sufficient sureties in the like sums, like manner and form, and for like purposes, uses and trusts, as similar officers are required to do in the county of Crawford.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of the county of Venango, and they are hereby required, to erect, or cause to be erected, on such part of the public square in the town of Franklin, as they may deem best suited thereto, a court-house, prison, and offices for the safe keeping of the papers and records of said county, and, until such court house is erected, the courts of justice shall be opened and held in such house in said town as the judges and commissioners may think proper.

Section V. (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners of Venango county shall have authority to call on the commissioners of Crawford county for the purpose of examining, liquidating and receiving such balances as may be due to Venango county, and reserved for the use of the same, agreeably to an act, entitled, "An act to erect certain parts of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington and Lycoming counties into separate counties," passed the twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred.<sup>(1)</sup>

Section VI. (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of Venango county, qualified to elect, shall, on the second Tuesday of October next, choose suitable persons for sheriffs, coroners and commissioners for said county, in the same manner, and under the same regulations and penalties, as similar officers are chosen in the other counties of this state; and said officers chosen and qualified as aforesaid, shall have and enjoy all and singular the powers, privileges and emoluments arising out of, or incident to, their offices respectively; and, until it shall be otherwise directed by law, the county of Warren shall be and the same is hereby annexed to Venango county, and the inhabitants of Warren county shall, in conjunction with those of Venango, have, exercise and enjoy all the privileges granted to the inhabitants of Venango county by this act, as fully as if the said county had been a component part of the county of Venango.

Section VII. (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the courts of common pleas and quarter sessions of the peace for the county of Venango, shall, from and after the first day of December next, commence and be holden on the second Monday after the courts in Erie county, and no action or suit now commenced, or that may be commenced in Crawford county courts, before the first day of November next, against any person living or residing within the bounds of Venango and Warren counties, shall be stayed, discontinued, or affected by this act, but the same may be prosecuted to the final issue, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

Section VIII. (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any law or laws, or part of any law which is, or are, by this act altered or supplied. shall be so far, and no farther, repealed and made void.

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Note (\*). Chapter 2130; 16 Statutes at Large, p. 454

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## CHAPTER MMDCI.

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AN ACT TO ENABLE THE GOVERNOR TO INCORPORATE A COMPANY TO MAKE AN ARTIFICIAL ROAD FROM THE SPRING HOUSE TAVERN, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THROUGH STRAWNTOWN, IN BUCKS COUNTY, TO BETHLEHEM, IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) 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 Jacob Clemmens, John Roberts, Esq. and Christian Dull, of Montgomery county; David Thomas, Thomas Matthias and John Stokes, of Bucks county; and Abraham Levering, Thomas M'Keen and Abraham Minch, of Northampton county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to do and perform the several duties herein after mentioned; that is to say, they shall on or before the first day of May next, procure two books, and in each of them enter as follows: "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed,