

CHAPTER LXXVI.

An ACT to organise the provisional County of Venango.

Section 1. **B**E 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.

The county of Venango to enjoy all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other counties.

Sec. 2. *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.

Of the powers to be exercised within said county by the judges of the supreme court and common-pleas.

Sec. 3. *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.

Of the security to be given by the county officers.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority*

thority 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.

Of the public buildings to be erected within said county.

Sec. 5. *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.

Certain duties to be performed by the commissioners of Venango county with those of Crawford.

Sec. 6. *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

Of the election of county officers.

Warren county annexed to Venango.

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.

Times of holding the county courts, &c.

Sec. 7. *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.

Repealing clause.

Sec. 8. *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.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN STEELE, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—the first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.