

CHAPTER XLVIII.

An ACT to provide for the copying of some of the records, in the office of the prothonotary of Cumberland 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 it shall be the duty of the judges of the court of common pleas, with the commissioners of Cumberland county, or a majority of them, to go into the office of the prothonotary of said county, and examine the books of record, and point out what particular books, in their opinion, should be copied; and certify the same to the prothonotary, and to direct him to copy such records, as to them or a majority of them, shall appear proper to be done, at the expense of said county.

Judges and commissioners to direct what books shall be copied.

Expense of, how paid.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioners aforesaid, and they are hereby authorized and required, at the expense of the county, to furnish the prothonotary of the county aforesaid with one or more blank books, of good strong paper, bound in leather, in which it shall be the duty of the said prothonotary to copy, or cause to be copied off, such records as have been pointed out to him by the certificates aforesaid; and to index said book or books, in a plain and intelligible manner; and when such original books shall be copied, they shall be deposited in some safe place in the office, and the copies so made from them shall be carefully compared with the original, by the clerk of the quarter sessions, and the register and recorder of said county, and their depositions set out in the last of the docket, or book taken before one of the judges of the court of common pleas, and subscribed by them, that they had carefully compared the foregoing with the original, and that it was a true copy of the same, that the copies so made, or copies taken from such copy, when properly certified, shall have the effect and force in all courts of record and elsewhere, as though it had been taken from the original.

Commissioners to furnish blank books.

Duty of the prothonotary.

Copies by whom to be compared.

Clerk of the sessions and register and recorder to depose, &c.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That for the services performed by the said prothonotary, he shall receive out of the county stock, by an order drawn by the county commissioners, aforesaid, on the treasurer of said county, the sum of one cent for each line containing twelve words; and such further sum, as the commissioners and auditors of said county, shall think the said register and recorder, or clerk of the sessions entitled to for their services, in comparing said records: *Provided,* that the fees and compensation to the respective offi-

Compensation for copying.

And comparing.

Proviso.

cers arising under this act, shall not be subject to taxation, for the use of this commonwealth.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XLIX.

An ACT erecting part of Northampton into a separate 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 within the limits of the following townships, to wit, the townships of Lynn, Heidelberg, Lowhill, Weissenburg, Macungie, Upper Milford, South Whitehall, North Whitehall, Northampton, Salisbury, Upper Saucon, and that part of Hanover within the following bounds, to wit, beginning at the Bethlehem line, where it joins the river Lehigh, thence along the said line until it intersects the road leading from Bethlehem to the Lehigh water gap, thence along said road to Allen township line, thence along the line of Allen township, westwardly, to the Lehigh, shall be, and the same are hereby, according to their present lines, declared to be erected into a county, henceforth to be called Lehigh.

Part of Northampton erected into a new county.

To be called Lehigh county.

To have similar courts, &c. with other counties.

Courts to be held in December next, at the house of G. Savetz.

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

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the third Monday in December next, the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions, in and for the said county of Lehigh, shall be opened and held at the house now occupied by George Savetz, in the borough of Northampton, in the said county of Lehigh, until a court-house shall be erected in and for said county, as hereinafter directed; and shall be then held at said court-house.

This act not to affect suits, &c. already commenced.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no suit or prosecution, which has been heretofore commenced, or which shall be commenced, in the courts of the county of Northampton, before the third Monday in December next, shall be delayed, discontinued, or affected by