

CHAPTER LXXXIV.

AN ACT

To continue the district court for the city and county of Philadelphia.

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 act, entitled "An act to provide for the erection of an additional court within the city and county of Philadelphia," passed on the thirtieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and the supplement to the said act, passed on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and the first and third sections of one other supplement thereto, passed on the ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, shall be, and the same are hereby continued in force for and during the term of four years from and after the thirtieth day of March instant; and after the said day the said court shall consist of the same number of judges and associate judges as heretofore, who shall severally receive the same compensation they did receive previous to the passage of this act, payable as is therein provided; and all actions, matters and things depending in the said court, shall remain, continue and be proceeded in, and all process shall issue and be returnable, and shall have the same effect in law as if there had been no limitation to the original act; and the Governor may commission the said judges on or before the thirty-first day of March instant.

Certain acts and parts of acts continued in force for 4 years from 30th March.

Proceedings not to be affected by the limitation of former acts.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That immediately after the passing of this act there shall be a prothonotary appointed for the said court, who shall perform the usual duties of a prothonotary, and shall be entitled to receive the like fees as other prothonotaries are entitled by law to receive for similar services, and be subject to the like account to the Commonwealth, and shall give the like security as the prothonotary of the court of common pleas of the city and county of Philadelphia is directed by law to give for the due performance of the duties of his office; and the said prothonotary shall account to the prothonotary of the court of common pleas, for all fees which may be received by him for services performed, or which shall have accrued prior to his appointment to said office, and pay over the same to him; and the prothonotary of the court of common pleas shall, in his settlements with the accounting department, bring such fees, when received by him into his accounts.

Prothonotary to be appointed. His duties.

To account to prothonotary of common pleas, for fees previously accrued.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the judges of the district court shall severally have the power, and it shall be their duty to issue writs of habeas corpus, either in term time or vacation, and give relief thereupon, in the same manner and as fully as the president of any

Powers of the judges.

court of common pleas in this Commonwealth at present may or can do, by virtue of an act of Assembly, entitled "An act for the better securing personal liberty, and preventing wrongful imprisonments."

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXXXV.

AN ACT

To improve the navigation of the river Delaware.

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 Jacob Mixsell, of the borough of Easton, and Lewis S. Coryell and colonel John Kinsey, of the county of Bucks, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, who shall have power, and it shall be their duty to cause to be removed all obstructions which impede or injure the navigation of the river Delaware, and to commence at the head of the "foul rift" in Northampton county, to the falls at the Trenton Delaware bridge, and for that purpose to employ suitable persons to perform the said work.*

Commissioners named.

Where improvements to be made.

\$10,000 appropriated to remove obstructions.

Bond to be given.

Warrant to be drawn for \$5,000.

Commissioners named to inspect the improvements,

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of removing the said obstructions; and when the said commissioners shall have given bond, with sufficient sureties, to the Governor, for the faithful application of the said sum, he shall, on or before the first Monday in May next, draw his warrant on the state treasurer in favor of said commissioners, for the sum of five thousand dollars, and as soon as the said commissioners shall have expended the said sum of five thousand dollars, William Erwin, of Bucks county, and William Barnet, of Northampton county, shall view the several places whereon the said five thousand dollars have been expended, who are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose, and if in their opinion the monies*