

Punishment of aldermen & justices for disobeying this act.

shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and shall on conviction thereof be sentenced to pay at the discretion of the court, any sum not less than five hundred dollars, nor exceeding one thousand dollars, the one half whereof shall be paid to the party prosecuting for the same, and the other half to the use of this Commonwealth.

Duty of judges & recorders under this act.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of any judge or recorder of any court of record of this Commonwealth, when he grants or issues any certificate or warrant of removal of any negro or mulatto, claimed to be a fugitive from labor to the State or Territory from which he or she fled in pursuance of an act of Congress, passed on the twelfth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters," he shall make a fair record of the case, in which he shall enter the name, age, sex, and a general description of the person of the negro or mulatto, for whom he shall grant such certificate or warrant of removal, together with the evidence and the names of places of residence of the witnesses and the party claiming such negro or mulatto, and shall within ten days thereafter file a certified copy thereof in the office of the clerk of the court of general quarter sessions of the peace, of the city or county in which he may reside.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM MARKS, Junior,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LXXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Columbia, in the county of Lancaster."

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 chief burgess of the borough of Columbia, elected and qualified agreeably to the act to which this is a supplement, is hereby authorised and empowered to issue his

precept as often as occasion may require, directed to the high constable of said borough, commanding him to collect all taxes assessed, and fines and forfeitures imposed by the act to which this is a supplement, or by the ordinances and regulations of the corporation.

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CHAPTER LXXV.

*AN ACT*

To legalise and make valid the official proceedings of George Brown, a justice of the peace of Adams county.

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 all the official acts and proceedings of George Brown, of the town of Berlin, a justice of the peace for the third district, in the county of Adams, done and performed by him from the twenty-second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, until the thirtieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, be, and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid, so far as they may have been illegal or invalid, by his acting as an assistant assessor of the direct tax of the United States for the above recited period, and shall be so regarded within all courts of justice within this Commonwealth and elsewhere, to all intents and purposes, as if the said George Brown had not accepted and acted in the office of assistant assessor of the direct tax of the United States, in the said county of Adams.

Official acts of  
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