

CHAPTER XXIX.

An ACT establishing the seat of government of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburgh, in the county of Dauphin.

The state offices to be removed to Harrisburgh in the year 1812.

By whom. Legislature to meet at said place and at said time. Harrisburgh declared to be the seat of government. The several officers to remove the books, &c. of their respective offices.

Commissioners appointed, and for what purpose.

The commissioners to supply the place of any officer that may die, resign, &c.

Offer of the sale of 10 acres of land by William M'Clay, to be accepted.

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 within the month of October, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, all the offices attached to the seat of government of this state, shall be removed to the borough of Harrisburgh, in the county of Dauphin, by their respective holders, and shall after that period cease to be exercised elsewhere, at which said borough of Harrisburgh, the session of the legislature next thereafter ensuing as well as all future sessions shall be held, and the said borough of Harrisburgh is hereby fixed and declared to be the seat of government of the said commonwealth.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the secretary of the commonwealth, state treasurer, auditor general, secretary of the land office, and surveyor-general, the clerks of both houses of the legislature, and all officers whose official duty is or may be appurtenant and attached to the seat of government, shall each of them remove or cause to be removed, all the books, records, papers and other documents whatsoever, to the said offices respectively, or to the state generally belonging, to the said borough of Harrisburgh, in the manner provided for and directed by this act.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That Robert Harris, George Hoyer, and George Zeigler, shall be and they hereby are appointed commissioners, who, together with the respective officers aforesaid, shall superintend and direct the removal of the books, records, papers and other documents aforesaid, and shall provide at the borough of Harrisburgh, good and suitable rooms and apartments for the convenient accommodation of the legislature, and also for the receiving, opening and depositing the said books, records, papers and other documents, and for conducting and transacting the business of the offices aforesaid respectively, and in case of the resignation of any of the said officers, or of their, or any of their neglect, or refusal, or incapacity to attend to the business of the removal aforesaid, then it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to proceed therein as if the said officers were attending.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the governor be, and he hereby is authorized and required, on behalf and in the name of this commonwealth, to accept of the offer of ten acres of land in or adjoining the said borough of Harrisburgh, at one hundred dollars per acre, made by Wil-

William M'Clay, adjoining to the four acre lot formerly appropriated by John Harris, for the use of the state, and to pay for the same, and receive sufficient conveyances and assurances in fee simple, therefor, to be recorded in the office for recording of deeds in the county of Dauphin aforesaid.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is appropriated for the purpose of making the aforesaid purchase, and discharging the expences of the removal, to be paid in advance, two thousand dollars to the said commissioners, and one thousand dollars for the said purchase, on warrants signed by the governor, out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury, the said commissioners to be accountable for the sum by them received in settlement of their accounts.

3000 dollars appropriated. And for what purpose. How appropriated. Commissioners to be accountable.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the further sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of erecting the offices which are to be kept at the seat of government: *to wit,* One office for the secretary of the commonwealth, one for the secretary of the land-office, one for the surveyor-general, one for the auditor general, one for the treasurer, and one office for any purpose to which it may hereafter be applied; each of which offices shall be fire-proof, for the safe keeping of all the records and papers belonging to said offices respectively.

30,000 dollars appropriated for the erection of offices, &c. Number of offices to be erected. And to be fire proof.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the governor is hereby authorized and required immediately after the passing of this act, to appoint, and by supplying vacancies happening from refusals to act, or other causes, to keep, in appointment as long as may be necessary, three commissioners whose duty it shall be, immediately after their appointment, to fix on a site either on the four acre lot mentioned in the fourth section of this act, or on the ten acres to be purchased from William M'Clay, and procure one or more plan or plans on which the said offices are to be built, and after a place shall be agreed on according to the provisions which hereinafter follow, it shall be their duty to contract for, direct and superintend the building and completing of the said offices: And it shall also be the duty of the said commissioners as soon as they shall have ascertained the site for the said offices, and procured one or more plans, to lay the said plan or plans before the governor, secretary of the land-office, surveyor-general, auditor-general, and the treasurer of the commonwealth; who, together with the three commissioners aforesaid, shall each have one vote, in order to decide on a plan for the offices aforesaid; and such plan as shall have a majority of the votes aforesaid, shall, by the commissioners aforesaid, be carried into execution.

The governor or to keep three commissioners in office, &c. Their duties.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as soon as a plan shall, as aforesaid, be decided on; it shall

Further duties of.

be the duty of said commissioners to give notice in two newspapers of Philadelphia, Lancaster, York, Carlisle, Reading, Pittsburgh and Harrisburgh; each for four weeks successively, that proposals will be received by them until a day certain, by them to be fixed, from any person or persons who shall be willing to undertake the building of the offices aforesaid, and shall thereupon contract with any such as have made proposals, or with others, as to them shall appear to be most advantageous to the commonwealth: *Provided*, That every contract which shall be made by the said commissioners under this act shall be in writing: *And provided also*. That in every case the parties contracting with the said commissioners, give bond to the commissioners for the use of the commonwealth, with sufficient surety or sureties for the performance of their contracts.

Monies to be paid by the treasurer on warrants drawn by the commissioners.

Who shall exhibit the accounts to the governor quarterly. Commissioners to take an oath.

Compensation allowed to. Any two of them may act.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the money hereby appropriated, or so much as shall be necessary, shall be paid by the treasurer of this commonwealth, on the order of any two of the said commissioners, who are hereby required to keep strict accounts of their transactions, and to transmit an abstract thereof to the governor once in every three months after their appointment.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the commissioners aforesaid shall, before they enter on the duties hereby enjoined on them, take the following oath or affirmation: "I, A. B. do swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully perform the duties enjoined on me by the act, entitled "An act establishing the seat of government of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburgh, in the county of Dauphin:" and each of the said commissioners shall receive for every day's attendance upon the duties herein enjoined on them, the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, and any two of them may do and perform any act or duty herein enjoined on the said commissioners.

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XXX.

An ACT to erect parts of Luzerne and Lycoming counties, into separate county districts.

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*