

*bly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the state treasurer is hereby authorized and required to pay unto William Murray and John Murray, executors of the last will and testament of John Murray, of Middle Paxton township, Dauphin county, deceased, for the use of his heirs, five hundred dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.*

500 dollars to be paid by state treasurer to executors of John Murray, deceased, for the use of his heirs.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*  
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LIV.

*An ACT for erecting part of the counties of Berks and Northampton into a separate county.*

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the northern part of Berks and Northampton counties, have, by their petitions, set forth to the general assembly of this state, the great hardships they labour under from being so remote from the present seat of justice and the public offices;

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 Berks county lying and being within the limits of the following townships, to wit; The townships of Brunswick, Schuylkill, Manheim, Norwigan, Upper Mahantango, Lower Mahantango and Pine Grove, in Berks county, and the townships of West Penn and Rush, in Northampton county, shall be, and the same are hereby, according to their present lines, declared to be erected into a county, henceforth to be called Schuylkill.*

Parts of Berks and Northampton counties erected into a new county.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of the said county of Schuylkill 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.*

Enjoy similar rights and privileges with other counties.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the third Monday of December next, the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions in and for said county of Schuylkill, shall be opened and held at the house now occupied by Abraham Reiffnyder, in the township of Brunswick, in the said county of Schuylkill, until a court house shall be erected in and for the said county, as herein after directed, and shall be then held at said court house.*

Courts, for the present, to be held at Abraham Reiffnyder's house in Brunswick township.

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 Berks before the third Monday of December next, shall be delayed, discontinued or affected, by this act, but the same shall be issued and done of all such judgments by the sheriff and coroner of Berks county, as if this act had not been passed.

No suit already commenced to be affected by this act.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all taxes and arrears of taxes laid, or which have become due within the county of Schuylkill, before the passing of this act, and all sums of money due to this commonwealth for militia fines in the said county of Schuylkill, shall be collected and recovered as if this act had not been passed.

Taxes, militia fines &c. to be collected as if this act had not passed.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sheriff, treasurer, and prothonotary, and all such officers as have heretofore usually given surety for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, who shall hereafter be appointed or elected in the said county of Schuylkill, before they or any of them shall enter on the execution thereof, shall give sufficient security, in the same manner and form, and for the same uses, trusts and purposes, as such officers for the time being are obliged by law to do in the county of Berks.

Sheriffs and other county officers to give sureties &c.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sheriff, coroner and other officers of the county of Berks and Northampton, other than the justices of the peace, shall continue to exercise the duties of their respective offices within the county of Schuylkill, until similar offices shall be appointed agreeably to law within the said county.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inhabitants of the county of Berks and of the county of Schuylkill shall jointly elect five representatives and two senators, to serve in the legislature of this commonwealth, in the same mode, under the same regulations, and make return in the same manner, as is or shall be directed by the laws of this commonwealth for conducting and making returns of the elections of the county of Berks, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Berks and Schuylkill counties to elect members of the state legislature jointly.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the governor be, and he is hereby authorized and required, on or before the first day of May next ensuing, to appoint three discreet and disinterested persons, not resident in the counties of Berks or Northampton, whose duty it shall be to fix upon a proper and convenient scite for a court house, prison and county offices within the aforesaid county of Schuylkill, as near the centre as the situation thereof will admit, and the said persons, or a majority of them having viewed the relative advantages of the several situations contemplated by the people, shall, on or

Three persons to be appointed by the governor to fix a scite for the seat of justice.

before the first day of June next, by a written report under their hands and seals or under the hands and seals of a majority of them, certify, describe and limit the scite or lot of land which they shall have chosen for the purpose aforesaid, and shall transmit the said report to the governor of the commonwealth, and the persons so as aforesaid appointed, shall receive two dollars and fifty cents per diem for their services, out of the monies to be raised in pursuance of this act.

To make report in writing to the governor.

Their compensation.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of the county of Schuylkill, which shall be elected at the next annual election, to take assurance to them or their successors in office of such lot or piece of ground as shall have been approved of by the persons appointed as aforesaid, or a majority of them, for the purpose of erecting thereon a court house, jail, and offices for the safe keeping of the records, and that for defraying the expenses thereof the said county commissioners are hereby authorized to assess and levy, and collect in the manner directed by the acts for raising county rates and levies, a sufficient sum to defray the expenses thereof.

Commissioners to take assurances for lands on which the public buildings are to be erected;

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said county of Schuylkill shall form a part of the district composed of the counties of Berks, Chester, and Lancaster, for the election of members of congress.

To elect members of congress with Berks, Chester and Lancaster.

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the judges of the supreme courts shall have the like powers, jurisdictions and authorities, within the said county of Schuylkill, as by law they are vested with and entitled to have and exercise in other counties of this state; and the said county is hereby annexed to the Lancaster district of the said supreme court.

Judges of supreme court their powers in the county which is connected with the Lancaster district.

SECT. XIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That two persons shall be commissioned judges of the courts of common pleas in and for the said county of Schuylkill, and that courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace to be holden in and for said county of Schuylkill, shall be opened on the second Monday next following the county courts of Wayne county, which shall be held on the third Monday of December next, and then the courts shall be holden each and every succeeding term on the second Mondays following the courts of Wayne county, and the said courts of quarter sessions shall sit four days at each session, if there be occasion and no longer; and the said county of Schuylkill shall be and is hereby declared to belong to the third district, consisting of the counties of Berks, Northampton, and Wayne, and that the president of the courts of common pleas within the said district shall be president of the courts of common pleas of the said county of Schuylkill, and shall have power and authority, according to

Two associate judges to be appointed.

Time of holding the courts.

Schuylkill county to belong to the third district.

President of the court of common pleas, his powers in this county.

the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, to hold courts of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery therein, for the trial of capital and other offenders, and to do and perform all other acts and duties as fully as he may or can do in any other county of the said district.

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

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

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CHAPTER LV.

*An ACT to erect the town of Northampton, in the county of Northampton into a borough.*

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 the town of Northampton, in the county of Northampton, shall be and the same is hereby erected into a borough, which shall be called the "Borough of Northampton," and shall be comprised within the following bounds, to wit; beginning at a post on the northern bank of Little Lehigh creek; thence extending by lands of John Wagner and Abraham Worman, and running along the line dividing the town and the out lots, north, eighteen degrees west, to a stone, the northwestern corner of said town; thence along the line dividing the town and out lots, north, seventy-two degrees east, to a post on the western bank of Jordan creek; thence down the said creek, the several courses thereof, to the junction of the said Lehigh and Jordan creeks; thence up the said Lehigh creek, the several courses thereof, to the place of beginning.

Town of Northampton erected into a borough,

Its boundaries.

Qualification of electors.

Where to hold the first election.

Place thereafter to be appointed by the corporation.

Time of holding election.

To be by ballot and between certain hours.

What officers are to be elected.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for all persons entitled to vote for members of the legislature, who have resided in the said borough twelve months previous to such election, to meet at the house of George Savitz, in the said borough, on the first Monday of May, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and afterwards yearly and every year at the place agreed upon by the corporation, and then and there elect by ballot, between the hours of twelve and six of the same day, one reputable citizen, residing therein, who shall be styled the burgess of the borough, and five reputable citizens residing therein, to be a town council, and one reputable citizen residing therein to be high constable, and two reputable citizens residing therein to act as road