

ny county, or order, the sum of forty dollars, immediately, and an annuity of forty dollars from the first of January last, to be paid half yearly during his life.

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

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

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CIX.

An ACT to organize for judicial purposes, the counties of Bradford, Tioga, and Susquehanna, and for other purposes.

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 county of Ontario, within this commonwealth, shall be called and known by the name of Bradford.*

Name of Ontario county changed.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the second Tuesday of October next, the inhabitants of the counties of Bradford, Tioga, Wayne, and Susquehanna, shall each enjoy and exercise in judicial concerns, all and singular the jurisdictions, powers and privileges whatsoever, within the same, which the inhabitants of other counties do, may, or ought to enjoy, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.*

Bradford, Tioga, Susquehanna, and Wayne counties to have judicial powers and privileges.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the counties of Bradford, Tioga, Wayne, and Susquehanna, be and the same are hereby erected into a separate judicial district or circuit, to be called the eleventh district, and a person of legal knowledge and integrity be appointed and commissioned by the governor, to be president and judge of the courts of common pleas within the said district, and two other proper persons shall be appointed and commissioned judges of the court of common pleas, in and for each of the said counties of Bradford, Tioga, and Susquehanna, which said president and judges shall, after the second Tuesday of October next, respectively have the like salaries, and have and execute all and singular the powers, jurisdictions, and authorities, of judges of the courts of common pleas, judges of the courts of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery, judges of the orphans' court, and justices of the courts of quarter sessions of the peace, agreeably to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.*

Formed into a judicial district, No. 11.

President to be appointed for.

And associate judges.

Their salaries.

And powers.

Oaths to be taken by, &c.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the persons who shall be appointed associate judges for the counties of Bradford, Tioga, and Susquehanna, shall take the*

requisite oaths or affirmations of office before the prothonotary of the court of common pleas of the county of Luzerne, who shall file a record of the same in the several offices of the prothonotaries of the counties of Bradford, Tioga, and Susquehanna, who may be appointed at any time after the passing of this act, and all writs of certiorari directed to, and appeals from the judgment of any justice of the peace of either of the said counties of Bradford, Tioga and Susquehanna, and all criminal prosecutions which may originate in either of the said counties, before the test days herein after mentioned, shall be proceeded in as heretofore in the courts of common pleas and quarter sessions of the peace, of the several judicial districts to which the said several counties are attached, and all process to issue from the courts of the said counties of Tioga, Bradford, and Susquehanna, returnable to the first term in the said counties, respectively, shall bear test as of the second Monday of January next.

And filed.

Certain appeals, &c. to be prosecuted as heretofore, until, &c.

Test day.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the judges of the supreme court shall have the like powers, jurisdictions and authorities, within the said judicial district, as by law they are vested with in other judicial districts of this state, and the said district is hereby annexed to the middle district of the said supreme court.

Judges of the supreme court to have jurisdiction, &c.

Annexed to the middle district.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sheriffs, coroners, treasurers, and all such other officers as have usually given, or as are or may be by law directed to give bail for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, who shall hereafter be elected or appointed in either of the said counties, shall before they enter on the duties of their respective offices, give sufficient sureties in the like sums, like manner and form, and for like purposes, as similar officers are required to do in the other organized counties of the commonwealth.

Sheriffs and others to give bail.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of Tioga county, and the commissioners of Bradford and Susquehanna counties, (after such are elected,) and they are hereby required to erect or cause to be erected, on such parts of the public squares, which are given for the purpose in the respective counties, as they may deem best calculated for the purpose, a courthouse, prison, and offices, for the safe-keeping of the papers and records for each of the said counties; and until such public buildings are erected, the courts of justice shall after the said second Tuesday of October next, for the county of Tioga, be opened and held at the house belonging to James Smith, junior, in the town of Wellsborough; for the county of Bradford, at the dwelling house of William Means, in the township of Towanda, and for the county of Susquehanna, at the dwelling house of Isaac Post, in the town of Monstrose; and for the county of

Public buildings to be erected.

Where the courts to be held, until, &c.

And when.

Tioga, the courts shall be opened and held on the second Mondays of January, April, August and November; for the county of Bradford, on the Mondays next following the courts in Tioga; for the county of Susquehanna, on the Mondays next following the courts in Bradford; and for the county of Wayne, on the Mondays next following the courts in Susquehanna.

When sheriffs and other officers may be elected.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inhabitants of the counties of Tioga, Bradford, and Susquehanna, qualified to elect, shall on the second Tuesday of October next, choose suitable persons for sheriffs, coroners and commissioners, and all other necessary officers for the said counties respectively, in the same manner and under the same regulation and penalties, as similar officers are chosen in the other counties of this state, and the officers chosen and qualified as aforesaid, shall have and enjoy all and singular the powers, privileges and emoluments, arising out of, or incident to their offices respectively, and until it shall be otherwise directed by law, the qualified electors in each of the said counties shall continue to elect for executive and legislative officers, at the same places and in the same manner as heretofore; *Provided,* that this act shall not go into operation so far as the same respects the county district of Susquehanna, until the persons who have offered lands or made other propositions to the trustees appointed by the act, entitled "An act to erect parts of Luzerne and Lycoming counties into separate county districts," passed the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ten, have fairly complied with their proposals; and in case of dispute between the said trustees and persons who have heretofore made proposals as aforesaid, the same shall be tried and determined by three arbitrators, to be appointed by the court of common pleas of Luzerne county, and the said court is hereby directed to appoint such arbitrators upon the application of either of the said parties.

Powers and privileges of.

When elections to be held.

Proviso as to Susquehanna county.

Arbitrators to be appointed in case of dispute.

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CHAPTER CX.

An ACT for the relief of Levi Griffith, David Edgar, and George Funk, old soldiers.

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*