

who shall enter their approbation signed by them, on the record of said court, and from thenceforth it shall be lawful for the sheriff of Columbia county to receive all and every person or persons, who may then be confined in the jail of Northumberland county on legal process, issued by proper authority, from Columbia county, and convey them to the jail of Columbia county, and to keep them in custody until they shall be discharged by due course of law.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
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CHAPTER CX.

An ACT erecting part of Northumberland county into a separate county, to be called Union.

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 Northumberland county, lying on the west side of the river Susquehanna and the west branch of the same, be and hereby is erected into a separate county, henceforth to be known and called by the name of Union.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inhabitants of the said county of Union, from and after the first day of November next, be entitled to and at all times thereafter shall 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.

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 the said county of Union, shall be opened and held at such house as may be designed by the commissioners of said county, to be elected at the next general election in the town of Mifflinburg, in the county of Union, until a court house shall be erected in and for said county, as hereinafter directed, and shall be then held at said court house.

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 Northumberland before the third Monday of December next,

ed. Prisoners then in Northumberland jail to be removed by sheriff to Columbia jail.

Boundaries of a new county to be named Union.

After the first day of November to enjoy all the privileges of a county.

When and where the courts are to be holden.

Suits heretofore commenced not to be affected by this act.

shall be delayed, discontinued, or affected by this act, but the same shall be completed and carried into execution by the sheriff and coroner of Northumberland county, as if this act had not been passed.

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

Taxes and militia fines to be collected and recovered as if this act had not passed.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sheriff, treasurer, prothonotary, and all such officers as are by law required to give surety for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, who shall hereafter be appointed or elected in the said county of Union, 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 Northumberland.

Sheriff, treasurer, &c. to give bonds, &c.

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

Sheriff and other officers in Northumberland to exercise their duties until others are appointed.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, and of the county of Union, shall jointly elect four representatives, and in conjunction with Luzerne and Susquehanna counties 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 Northumberland, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Citizens of Northumberland and Union to elect members of the house of representatives jointly, and with Luzerne and Schuylkill, senators.

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 county of Northumberland or Union, whose duty it shall be to fix upon a proper and convenient site for a court house, prison, and county offices within the aforesaid county of Union, as near the centre thereof as circumstances will admit, having regard to territory, population, and the accommodation of the people of said county generally; and said persons or a majority of them, having viewed the relative advantages of the several situations contemplated by the people, shall, on or before the first day of July next, by a written report under their hands, or under the hands of a ma-

Governor to appoint commissioners to fix upon a site for public buildings.

Make report in writing to the governor of their proceedings.

majority of them, certify, describe and limit the site or lot of land which they shall have chosen for the purpose aforesaid, and shall transmit the said report to the governor of this commonwealth; and the persons so as aforesaid appointed, shall each receive three dollars per diem for their services, out of the monies to be raised in pursuance of this act; *provided always*, that before the commissioners shall proceed to perform the duties enjoined on them by this act, they shall take an oath or affirmation before some judge or justice of the peace, well and truly, and with fidelity, to perform said duties without favour to any person, according to the true intent and meaning of this act.

Their compensation.

Proviso.

Commissioners to take assurances of land.

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 Union who shall be elected at the next annual election, to take assurance to them and 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 the county commissioners are hereby authorized to assess, 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 of the county authorized to lay a tax, &c.

Congressional district.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said county of Union shall form part of the district composed of the counties of Northumberland, Lycoming, Luzerne, Bradford, Susquehanna, Tioga and Potter, for the election of members of congress.

Jurisdiction of the judges of supreme court extended over Union county.

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the judges of the supreme court shall have like powers, jurisdictions and authorities, within the said county of Union 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 middle district of the supreme court.

Annexed to middle district.

Time of holding county courts.

SECT. XIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the courts of common pleas and general quarter sessions of the peace, to be holden in and for the said county of Union, shall be opened on the Mondays preceding the courts of Lycoming county; and the said county of Union shall be and is hereby declared to belong to the eighth district consisting of the counties of Lycoming and Northumberland.

Attached to 8th district.

Certioraries and appeals original before teste day, where to be tried.

SECT. XIV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all certioraries directed to, and appeals from the judgment of any justice of the peace of the said county of Union, and all criminal prosecutions which may originate in the said county before the teste day hereinafter mentioned, shall be proceeded in as heretofore, in the courts of common pleas and quarter sessions of the county of Northumberland, and all process to issue from the courts of the said county of Union, returnable to the first term

in said county, shall bear teste as of the first Monday in November next. Teste day.

SECT. XV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the judges of the district elections within each of the said counties of Northumberland and Union, after having formed the returns of the whole election for senators and representatives, as the case may be, within that county in such manner as is or may be directed by law, shall, on the third Tuesday in October in each year, send the same by one or more of their number to the court house in the borough of Sunbury, in the county of Northumberland, when and where the judges so met, shall cast up the several county returns, and execute under their respective hands and seals as many returns for the whole district as may be requisite, and also transmit the same as is by law required of the return judges in other districts. Place of meeting of the return judges of general election.
Their duties.

SECT. XVI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all cases where it would be lawful for the sheriff, jailer, or prison keeper of the county of Union, to hold in close custody the body of any person in the common jail of the county of Union, if such jail were at this time erected in and for the said county of Union, that all such persons shall be delivered to and kept in close custody by the sheriff, jailer, or prison keeper of the county of Northumberland, who upon delivery of such prisoner to him or them at the common jail in said county of Northumberland, shall safely keep him, her or them until they be discharged by due course of law, and shall also be answerable in like manner, and liable to the same pains and penalties as if the persons so delivered were liable to confinement in the common jail of Northumberland county; and the parties aggrieved shall be entitled to the same remedies against them or any of them, as if such prisoner had been committed to his or their custody by virtue of legal process, issued by proper authority in the said county of Northumberland; *provided always,* that the sheriff of Union county be allowed out of the county stock of said county ten cents per mile as a full compensation for every criminal he may deliver to the jail of Northumberland county, by virtue of this act, on orders drawn by the commissioners of Union county on the treasury thereof. Sheriff and jailer of Northumberland, their duties.
Liable for safe keeping of prisoners.
Remedy for parties aggrieved.
Proviso.
Sheriff of Union county allowed for certain duties performed.

SECT. XVII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sheriff, jailer, and prison keeper of the county of Northumberland, shall receive all prisoners as aforesaid, and shall provide for them according to law, and shall be entitled to the fees for keeping them, and also to such allowance as is by law directed for the maintenance of prisoners in similar cases, which allowance shall be defrayed and paid by the commissioners of the county of Union out of the county stock. Sheriff and jailer of Northumberland to provide for prisoners, and be allowed for the same.

SECT. XVIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sixteenth and seventeenth sections of this act, shall be Sixteenth and seventeenth sec.

tions continued
in force until
suitable public
buildings are
erected.

Then prisoners
to be removed.

and continue in force for the term of three years, or until the commissioners of Union county shall have certified to the sheriff that a jail is erected and ready for the reception of prisoners, and approved of by the court and grand jury, who shall enter their approbation, signed by them on the record of said court; and from thenceforth it shall be lawful for the sheriff of Union county to receive all and every person or persons, who may then be confined in the jail of Northumberland county, and convey them to the jail of Union county, and to keep them in custody until they shall be discharged by due course of law.

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CHAPTER CXI.

*An ACT confirming the title of a tract of land in Chester county to
Tacy Freeman.*

WHEREAS it appears to the legislature, that Joseph Freeman, late of Chester county, deceased, died, possessed in and to a certain tract of land in Willistown township, Chester county, bounded by land of Jesse Maris, Joshua Ashbridge, and Daniel Sinqwest, containing twenty acres of land; and it further appears, in and by the last will and testament of the said Joseph Freeman, that he devised the aforesaid tract of land in fee simple to Tacy Freeman, his wife; and *whereas*, it has been represented that the said Joseph Freeman was not a native of the United States, and it cannot be ascertained that he ever was naturalized, on which account the title of the said Tacy Freeman has been doubted: Therefore,

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* Tacy Freeman is hereby enabled to have and to hold to herself, her heirs and assigns, a certain tract of land in Willistown township, Chester county, purchased by her late husband Joseph Freeman from Daniel Sinqwest, as fully and effectually as if the said Joseph Freeman had been at the time of the said purchase, a citizen of the United States; *provided*, that nothing herein

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firmed to Tacy
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