

SECT. 11. *And be it further enacted by the authority afore-* Copies of this  
*said,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Com- act to be for-  
 monwealth, to make out and transmit to the commissioners warded to  
 of each county, a certified copy of this act, for which the commission-  
 ers. usual fees shall be allowed, to be settled and paid in the usual  
 manner.

SECT. 12 *And be it further enacted by the authority afore-* To continue  
*said,* That this law shall continue in force for five years, in force five  
 from the date thereof. years.

FREDK. SMITH,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WM. G. HAWKINS,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The twenty-fifth day of March, Anno Domini,  
 one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

GEO. WOLF.

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No. 112.

AN ACT

To increase the county rates and levies, for the use of the commonwealth.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
*sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General*  
*Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of*  
*the same,* That the commissioners of each and every county One mill in  
 of this commonwealth, be and they are hereby authorised the dollar ad-  
 and required, immediately after the passage of this act, and ded to the  
 every year thereafter, during the continuance of this act, to county rates  
 add to the county rates and levies, for the use of the com- and levies.  
 monwealth, the sum of one mill upon the dollar of the ad-  
 justed valuation of all the real and personal property,  
 persons, trades and occupations, now made taxable by the  
 laws of this commonwealth, for the purpose of raising county  
 rates and levies; which said annual sum shall be apportioned  
 among the townships, wards, and districts of each county,  
 and collected with and in like manner as county rates and  
 levies now are, both as to seated and unseated lands, and all  
 other property, persons, trades and occupations, subject to  
 county rates and levies; and be subject in all respects to the  
 same regulations and the like compensation to collectors,  
 and to be paid into the county treasury with the county  
 rates and levies.

**SECT. 2.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*  
 That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of each county to make out and file, with the treasurer of the county, a statement, showing the adjusted valuation of the real and personal property, persons, trades and occupations, now made taxable as aforesaid, with the statement of the sum assessed for the use of the commonwealth, with the apportionment of the same; and also a similar statement shall be made out and certified under seal by the commissioners of the county, and transmitted to the Auditor General, on or before the first day of March in each and every year.

County treasurers to account for and pay over.

**SECT. 3.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*  
 That it shall be the duty of the treasurer of each county, on or before the first day of September in each and every year, to furnish the Auditor General a statement of the amount received by him for the use of the commonwealth, in pursuance of this act, and settle his account with the Auditor General in the same manner as public accounts are now settled; and it shall also be the duty of the treasurer of each county, upon the settlement of his account as aforesaid, to pay into the state treasury the amount so received by him, for which the treasurer of the county shall be allowed one per cent. upon the amount so paid by him.

Their compensation.

Investment of proceeds for benefit of school fund.

**SECT. 4.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*  
 That the amount which shall be paid into the state treasury by virtue of this act, shall be vested in the commissioners of the internal improvement fund, and applied to the payment of interest chargeable upon said fund, and the internal improvement fund shall be charged with the same, and the school fund shall be credited with the amounts so paid, and with the interest at five per cent. thereon annually accruing, until the said school fund shall be sufficient to produce an annual interest, at the rate aforesaid, of one hundred thousand dollars; and the proceeds of said fund shall then be annually distributed and applied to the support of common schools, in such manner as shall be directed by law.

Additional bonds of county treasurers.

**SECT. 5.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*  
 That in addition to the bonds now required to be given, the treasurer of the county shall give a bond to the commonwealth, with sufficient security, to be approved of by the commissioners of the county, in such sum as the commissioners shall direct, conditioned that he will furnish annually to the Auditor General a statement, and settle his account for the money received by him, and pay the same into the state treasury on or before the first day of September, in each and every year, agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Transmission of act.

**SECT. 6.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*  
 That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to make out and transmit to the commissioners of each county, a certified copy of this act, for which the usual

fees shall be allowed, to be settled and paid in the usual manner.

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That this law shall continue in force for five years from the date thereof. Duration.

FREDK. SMITH,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WM. G. HAWKINS,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The twenty-fifth day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

GEO. WOLF.

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No. 113.

AN ACT.

More effectually to prevent and punish extortion, and for other purposes.

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 if any officer, whose fees are expressed and limited in and by an act of assembly of this commonwealth, passed the twenty eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act establishing a fee bill," or in and by an act passed the twenty second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, entitled "An act to alter and amend the fee bill," or in and by any other act or acts of assembly of this commonwealth, at any time hereafter, shall wilfully, fraudulently and corruptly charge or demand, and take any of the fees, in and by any of the said acts, limited and ascertained, where the business for which such fees are chargeable, shall not have been done and performed, or if any officer shall wilfully, fraudulently and corruptly charge or demand, and take any fee for any service or services, other than those expressly provided for by the said acts, such officer, in addition to any penalty or penalties to which by the existing laws he may now be subject, shall be liable to prosecution and punishment, by indictment, as for a misdemeanor in office, any law or usage heretofore, to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided however,* That no such prosecution shall be sustained, unless commenced within one year, from the time of taking or receiving such illegal fees.

Officers violating acts relative to fee bill liable in addition to penalties to indictment for misdemeanor.

Proviso. Prosecutions must commence within one year from offence.