

No. 164.

AN ACT

To establish a seventeenth judicial district, 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 from and after the fourth Monday in May next, the counties of Beaver, Butler and Mercer, shall be and they hereby are erected into a separate judicial district, to be called the "seventeenth judicial district," and a person shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor, to be president and judge of the courts of common pleas, within the said district; which said president shall receive the like salary, and have and execute all and singular the powers, jurisdictions and authorities of president and judge of the court of common pleas, court of oyer and terminer, and general jail delivery, orphans' and register's courts, and justice of the court of quarter sessions of the peace, agreeably to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.

Beaver, Butler and Mercer erected into a separate district.

Governor to appoint judge

Time of holding courts from the 4th Monday of May.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the said fourth Monday in May next, the courts of common pleas, oyer and terminer, orphans' court, and general quarter sessions of the peace, in said district, shall commence and be held on the following days, in each and every year, that is to say: in the county of Beaver, on the first Mondays in March, June, September and December; in the county of Butler, on the second Mondays in the same months; in the county of Mercer, on the fourth Mondays in the same months: *Provided,* That the first courts in each of the counties aforesaid, after the passing of this act, shall commence and be held at the times now fixed by law, and afterwards all process shall be returnable to the next term as fixed by this act.

Time of holding courts in 5th judicial district after first Monday of June next.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the first Monday of June next, the courts of common pleas and quarter sessions, in the fifth judicial district, (and which after the first Monday of June as aforesaid, shall be composed of the county of Allegheny alone,) shall commence and be held on the following days, in each and every year, to wit: on the fourth Mondays of October, December, March and June, and be continued as long as may be necessary, (according to the discretion of the court,) for the disposal of all the causes, on the trial and argument lists.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the first Monday in June next, the courts

of common pleas, oyer and terminer, orphans' court, register's court, and court of general quarter sessions of the peace, in the sixth judicial district, shall commence and be held on the following days, in each and every year, to wit: in the county of Erie, on the first Mondays in February, May, August and November, to continue one week; in the county of Crawford, on the third Mondays of the same months, to continue one week; in the county of Venango, on the fourth Mondays of the same months; and in the county of Warren, on the Mondays next following those mentioned for the county of Venango.

Time of holding courts in 6th judicial district after first Monday of June next.

FREDK. SMITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. G. HAWKINS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The first day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 165.

AN ACT

Declaring Chester and Ridley creeks, in the county of Delaware, public highways.

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 from and after the passing of this act, Chester and Ridley creeks, in the county of Delaware, are hereby declare to be public highways, to wit: Chester creek, from the mouth thereof, at the river Delaware, up to Richard Flower's mills, and Ridley creek, from the mouth thereof, at the river Delaware, up to Peirce Crosby's mills.

Chester creek from mouth to Flower's mills. Ridley, from mouth to Crosby's mills

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person or persons shall by blasting rocks, or in any other manner, throw or place any stone, tan or other materials, or thing in such parts of either of said creeks, as are hereby declared to be public highways, or shall commit any other nuisance therein, calculated to injure the navigation thereof, and shall not on notice given by the constable of the proper township, remove said nuisance or obstruction forthwith, such person or persons shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be recovered before one of the nearest justices of the peace of the proper county, to be

Penalty on obstructions.

How recovered and appropriated.