

of them, said street ought to be opened and extended, then they shall make out a plot or draft of said street so to be opened, by its courses and distances, having regard to the best ground and the least possible damage to property; and they shall also make report of the width of said street, and make return of the same, under their hands and seals, to the court of quarter sessions of Perry county, to be entered on record; and thereupon, the said street shall become a public highway, and it shall be the duty of the street commissioner of the said borough of Petersburg, to proceed forthwith to open the same.

Damages, how
adjusted.

SECTION 3. The court of quarter sessions of the county of Perry, on the petition of any owner of a lot or land through which said street shall be extended and opened, representing that he or she has sustained damages, shall appoint three fresholders of said county to view the premises and adjudge the amount of damages (if any) sustained, taking into consideration the probable advantages of the said street to the complainant; and the said amount shall be paid after being approved by the court, out of the county treasury: *Provided always*, That the said viewers shall, each of them, before they proceed to assess the said damages, take an oath or affirmation, before a justice of the peace of said county, justly and truly to value the same, and to consider the advantages as well as disadvantages of the extension and opening of the said street to complainant.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE DARSIE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 212.

AN ACT

Relative to the records of the district court of the city and county of Lancaster, and for other purposes.

District court for the city and county of Lancaster, abolished. Records of said court to be deemed held, proceeded on, &c., as records of the courts of common pleas of the county of Lancaster.

SECTION 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 the district court for the city and county of Lancaster, be and the same is hereby abolished, and all the records of the said court shall be deemed, held, proceeded on, certified and given in evidence as records of the court of common pleas of the county of Lancaster, to all intents and purposes, as fully and effectually as if the said records were originally records of the last mentioned court; and the president of the said court of common pleas shall be vested with all the powers, and perform all

the duties heretofore vested in, and imposed upon the president of the Compensation of said district court; and the president of the second judicial district shall judge. receive for the trial and decision of the unfinished business of the district court and mayor's court, the compensation now allowed by law to other president judges for holding special courts: *Provided, The com- Proviso.* pension thus allowed shall not exceed the sum of four hundred dollars per annum: *And provided further, That said compensation shall not Proviso.* extend beyond the term for which the present president judge of said district has been appointed, and that nothing contained in this act, or in any act heretofore passed, shall be so construed as to entitle said president judge to a compensation from the treasury of this commonwealth, including his salary, of more than two thousand dollars per Deeds for property sold by the sheriff of Lancaster county, upon process issued out of district court, shall be acknowledged in the court of common pleas, &c. annum, for all the duties he may discharge from and after the passage of this act. Repeal.

SECTION 2. All deeds for property sold by the sheriff of Lancaster county, upon process heretofore issuing out of the said district court, shall be acknowledged in the court of common pleas of said county, as if it had been sold upon process issuing out of the last mentioned court; and also to set aside said sales, if necessary, according to law and the rules and practice in said court of common pleas.

SECTION 3. So much of any act of assembly as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act, is hereby repealed.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE DARSIE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 213.

AN ACT

Vesting in the burgess and town council of the borough of Erie, and their successors, in the county of Erie, the title to a certain tract of land, providing for the election of auditors in the borough of Erie, and changing the place of holding elections in M'Kean township, in the county of Erie.

WHEREAS, Owing to the great increase of the commercial business of the port of Erie, the present facilities for conducting the same are Preamble. insufficient, and additional improvements in the bay thereof are required:

And whereas, The corporate authorities of said borough of Erie are desirous of making such improvements, but are prevented from so doing by the fact that the title to that portion of the shore and bay of Presq' isle, opposite the said borough, and within its jurisdictional