

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 So much of any act of assembly as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act, is hereby repealed.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

limits, necessary for this purpose, still remains in the commonwealth; therefore,

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 right, title and claim of the commonwealth, of, in and to all that certain piece or tract of land, lying and being on and along the southern shore of the bay of Presq' isle, and extending into the said bay, included within the boundaries hereinafter recited, viz: beginning at the north-east corner of in-lot in the borough of Erie, aforesaid, numbered with the numbers three thousand two hundred and seventy-eight; running thence in an eastwardly direction, in a line with the northern line of said in-lot number three thousand two hundred and seventy-eight, until it intersects the line of the south breakwater; extended thence in a straight line along the eastern side of said south breakwater to the north side of the angle of the south channel pier and south breakwater; thence southwardly in a straight line terminating at the north-east corner of the present canal basin pier, being the north-east corner of water lot number fifty nine; thence eastwardly in a line parallel with Second street, in said borough, to Parade street; extended thence along the west side of Parade street, to the place of beginning, be and the same is hereby transferred to, and vested in the burgess and town council of the borough of Erie, in the county of Erie, and their successors in office, reserving any rights, privileges or grants heretofore made by the commonwealth, of or out of any or all of the lands included within the bounds aforesaid; hereby giving and granting full power and authority to the said burgess and town council, and their successors in office, to improve the same in such manner as they may see fit to accomplish the purposes aforesaid, and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same according to their best judgment and discretion, so as to advance the commercial and other business interests of the said borough of Erie.

Auditors.

SECTION 2. The qualified voters of the East and West wards of the borough of Erie shall annually elect, at the time of holding their borough elections, two auditors in each ward; and it shall be the duty of the auditors so elected, any three of whom, duly convened, shall be a quorum, to meet annually on the second Monday in April, and oftener if necessary, and audit, adjust and settle the accounts of the burgess and town council of the borough of Erie, and the accounts of the school directors of said borough: *Provided,* That the said burgess and town council, and said school directors, or the accounting officers shall have the same right of appeal as is by law allowed from the settlement of township auditors.

Quorum.

To adjust and settle the accounts of the burgess and town council, &c.

Provided.

M'Kean township, place of election.

SECTION 3. That the qualified voters of the township of M'Kean, in the county of Erie, shall hereafter hold their general and township elections at the house now occupied by Jonathan Burlingham, at M'Kean's Corner.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
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