

No. 676.

AN ACT

To confer on Ben Lees the name of Ben Lees Byram, and all the rights and privileges of a child born in lawful wedlock.

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 name of Ben Lees, of the city of Philadelphia, be and the same is hereby changed to Ben Lees Byram, by which name he shall hereafter be able and capable in law, to hold all property and rights of property, to which he has been or may hereafter be in any manner entitled.

SECTION 2. That the said Ben Lees of the city of Philadelphia, the son of Sam Byram and Esther his wife, shall have and enjoy all the rights, benefits and advantages of a child born in lawful wedlock, and shall be able and capable in law to inherit and transmit any estate whatsoever, as fully and completely to all intents and purposes, as if he had been born in lawful wedlock.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

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AN ACT

Relative to the payment of Witnesses' Fees.

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 witnesses' fees contained in any bill of costs, filed in any civil suit or criminal prosecution, shall not be assignable by the prosecutor, plaintiff, or defendant therein; and it shall not be lawful for the prothonotary, clerk, sheriff, district attorney, or any other officer of the court to whom any costs may be paid or given, in any such suit or prosecution, to pay the witnesses' fees therein contained, to any other person or persons but the witnesses' themselves, unless he or they shall produce a written

order for the same, signed by the witnesses: *Provided however*, That if the prosecutor, plaintiff, or defendant or attorney, shall have paid any of the witnesses, he shall, on filing an affidavit of that fact, be entitled to lift such witnesses' fees, or as much thereof as he shall have paid: *And provided*, That this act shall only apply to the county of Armstrong.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 678.

AN ACT

Relative to Mercantile Taxes and the notice to be given by County Treasurers and Appraisers.

Repeal 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 sixth section of the act of twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, which directs the treasurers of the several cities and counties within this Commonwealth to publish annually, in the month of November, in two newspapers in the several cities, and one in each county where a newspaper is published, a list of the names of all persons returned to him as retailers of foreign merchandize, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Repeal. SECTION 2. That so much of the resolution of the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty, as directs the treasurer of the city or county of Philadelphia to publish a list of the names of the retailers of foreign merchandize in at least three daily newspapers, in the month of April, is hereby repealed; and hereafter, the publication of such list shall be once a week, for four weeks, in three newspapers published in the month of April or May, annually; and such treasurer shall be allowed, in the settlement of his account with the Auditor General, for such publication, at the rate of ten dollars for every hundred names, with the business designated; and the same allowance of ten dollars to each paper, for every hundred names, shall be made for publishing the list of mercantile appraisers, in

Publication of
lists in the city
and county of
Philadelphia.