

hanna and Lehigh, commonly called the Western Branch of Delaware, 1771.
 as relates to the obstructions in the river Susquehanna, above
 Wright's ferry, shall be, and is hereby, repealed and made void.

Ante. chap.
463.

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CHAPTER DCXXVIII.

An ACT for vacating a part of a road in the township of Passyunk, and for confirming a new road, laid out and made instead thereof.

WHEREAS, in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Quarter Sessions for the county of Philadelphia, a public road was laid out in the township of Passyunk, from the end of Joseph Sims's lane to the river Schuylkill: And whereas a part of the said road, running on the side of Sepicken creek, down the several courses thereof, from the place of beginning of the road herein after mentioned to the river Schuylkill, and also a private road leading from the same, over the dam across said creek, are found not only injurious to the estate of Henry Elwes, through whose ground the same are laid out, but inconvenient to the public: And whereas the said Henry Elwes, desirous to accommodate the public, hath, by his deed, duly executed by his lawful agents and attornies, conveyed to certain persons, in trust, and for the use of the public, a certain road and piece of ground, containing in breadth fifty-two feet, and extending from the fast land near the side of Sepicken creek; running thence south seventy degrees west fifty-five perches, or thereabout, to a small creek; thence south thirty-three degrees west, to the low water mark of the river Schuylkill, opposite to the wharf lately erected on the Province Island; and therefore it is but reasonable and just that the part of the said road, so laid out by order of the Quarter Sessions, should be vacated, and restored to the said Henry Elwes, and that the said road, so as aforesaid granted for the public use, should be confirmed to them: *Be it therefore enacted*, That so much of the said road, so as aforesaid laid out by order of the said court, as extends on the said several courses and distances along the side of Sepicken creek, and the private road aforesaid, shall be, and the same is hereby, declared to be made null and void; and that instead thereof the said road, so as aforesaid granted by the said Henry Elwes, on the several courses and distances herein before described, shall be for ever hereafter a public road, of the width of fifty-two feet, and maintained and supported as public roads are by law directed to be maintained and supported.

Part of the
road laid
out by order
of Court vacated.

New road
confirmed.

II. And whereas, in pursuance of the said order of the Quarter Sessions, a private road was also laid out, for the convenience of divers of the inhabitants in the said township of Passyunk, between the lands of Daniel Roberdeau and the said Henry Elwes, into the said road so as aforesaid vacated, and it is necessary that the said private road should be continued, until it shall intersect the said road hereby confirmed: *Be it therefore enacted*, That the said private road shall be continued on the same course on which it was

Private
road con-
tinued.

1771. originally laid out, until it shall intersect the said road hereby confirmed.

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CHAPTER DCXXIX.

An ACT for erecting a part of the county of Cumberland into a separate county.

WHEREAS a great number of the inhabitants of the western parts of the county of Cumberland have represented to the Assembly of this province the great hardships they lie under, from being so remote from the present seat of judicature, and the public offices: For remedying whereof, *Be it enacted*, That all and singular the lands lying and being within the boundaries following, that is to say; beginning where the province line crosses the Tuscarora mountain, and running along the summit of that mountain to the Gap near the head of the Path Valley; thence with a north line to the Juniata; thence with the Juniata to the mouth of Shaver's-creek; thence north-east to the line of Berks county; thence along the Berks county line northwestward to the western bounds of the province; thence southward, according to the several courses of the western boundary of the province, to the southwest corner of the province; and from thence eastward with the southern line of the province to the place of beginning; shall be, and the same is hereby, erected into the county, henceforth to be called Bedford.

Boundaries
of the
county.

Its name.

Privileges
granted to
it.

Freeholders
to meet
and choose
Inspectors.

One Re-
presentative
to be
elected.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That the inhabitants of the said county of Bedford shall, at all times hereafter, have and enjoy all and singular the jurisdictions, powers, rights, liberties and privileges whatsoever, which the inhabitants of any other county, within the said province, do, may or ought to enjoy, by any charter of privileges, or the laws of this province, or by any other ways or means whatsoever, excepting only in the number of Representatives to serve in General Assembly of this province; in which case it is *provided, and further enacted*, That the freeholders and inhabitants of each township, within the said county, qualified by the laws of this province to elect, shall meet at some convenient place within their respective townships, at the same time the freeholders and inhabitants of the several townships of the other counties shall meet for like purpose, and proceed to choose inspectors; and that the freemen and inhabitants of the said county, qualified as aforesaid, shall meet at or near the place where the court-house is intended to be built, at the same time the inhabitants of the other counties shall meet for the like purpose, and proceed to elect one Representative or Delegate, to serve them in Assembly, in the same manner, and under the same rules, regulations and penalties, as by the charter and laws of this province are directed in respect to other counties; which said Representative, when so chosen, shall be a member of the General Assembly of the province of Pennsylvania, and shall sit and act as such, as fully and freely as any of the Representatives for