

1785. to the prayer of their petition herein before recited, and the true intent and meaning of this act.

Provided the same is duly attended, and capable of being opened for the passage of vessels.

SECT. IV. *Provided always*, That the said bridge, so to be erected and built, shall be constructed in such manner, and duly attended with sufficient persons to manage and direct the said bridge, so that the same shall be capable of being opened, and shall be actually opened by the said Charles Bessonet and Gershom Johnson, their heirs and assigns, from time to time, to admit shallops, flats and boats, to pass and repass through the same, without delay or obstruction.

If the legislature should hereafter make the bridge free, mode of compensating the parties.

SECT. V. *Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That whensoever, at any time after the erection or building of the said bridge, it shall seem expedient to the legislature to constitute and make the said bridge, so erected and built, a free bridge, by a law, to be enacted for that purpose, three commissioners shall be appointed by the legislature on the part of the commonwealth, and three by the said Charles Bessonet and Gershom Johnson, their heirs or assigns, who, or any four or more of them, shall estimate what sum or sums of money the said Charles Bessonet and Gershom Johnson, their heirs and assigns, shall be entitled to receive, as a compensation for their trouble and expenses in building and maintaining the said bridge, which sum or sums shall be paid to them out of the treasury of this commonwealth.

Passed 6th September, 1785.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 1.

CHAPTER MCLXIV.

An ACT to regulate the general elections of this commonwealth, and to prevent frauds therein. (c)

BE it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the elections for the city of Philadelphia shall be holden at the State-house in the city of Philadelphia. And the elections for the county of Philadelphia, exclusive of the city of Philadelphia, which for that purpose shall be divided into two districts; *viz.* The freemen of the townships of Germantown, Roxborough and Bristol, shall hold their elections at the Union school-house, in Germantown; and the free-

Election districts of the city and county of Philadelphia:

(c) All the provisions of this act have been repealed and supplied, except such part thereof as respects Election Districts. Most of the Election Districts have also been altered or limited by subsequent acts, and others erected in each county. For the existing law regulating the General Elections within this commonwealth, see chap. 2009, and for the various alterations that have been made in the Election Districts, in the several counties of the state, see the titles, Election Dis-

tricts, and the name of the County, in the index. (*Note to former edition.*) [The act is however retained, as all other Election District acts are. Although many of them must be entirely obsolete by reason of subsequent alterations. But no editor who is not acquainted with the situation of every township in every county, could explain the actual situation of Election districts. But to the citizens of the counties, respectively, they will be intelligible.]

men of the other townships in the said county shall hold their elections at the State-house, in the said city. 1785.

And the elections for the county of **Bucks**, which for that purpose is divided into two districts, shall be holden at two places, to wit, the freemen of the townships of **Milford, Richland, Springfield, Durham, Haycock, Nockamixon, Tinicum, Bedminster, Rockhill, Hilltown, Plumstead and New-Britain**, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the house of **Abraham Keichlein**, inn-keeper; and the freemen of the rest of the townships of the same county shall hold their elections at the court-house at **Newtown**, in the said county. of Bucks;

And the elections for the county of **Chester**, which for that purpose shall be divided into four districts, shall be holden at four places, viz. the freemen of the townships of **Chester, Upper-Chichester, Lower-Chichester, Bethel, Ashton, Concord, Middletown, Thornbury, Birmingham, Nether-Providence, Upper-Providence, Ridley, Marple, Springfield, Darby, Haverford, Newtown, Edgemont, Radnor, Eastown and Tinnicum**, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the town of **Chester**; the freemen of the townships of **London-Grove, East-Marlborough, West-Marlborough, Kennet, Pennsbury, New-Garden, London-Britain, New-London, Londonderry, East-Nottingham, West-Nottingham, Oxford, and West-Fallowfield**, being the second district, shall hold their elections at **Chatham**, formerly called the **Half-way-House**: the freemen of the townships of **West-Whiteland, East-Caln, West-Caln, West-Nantmill, East-Bradford, West-Bradford, Newlin, East-Fallowfield, and Sadsbury**, being the third district, shall hold their elections at the sign of the **Pennsylvania Arms**, at the house of **John Culbertson**, Esquire, in the said township of **East-Caln**; the freemen of the townships of **Charlestown, Tredyffrin, Uwchland, Pikeland, Vincent, Coventry, East-Nantmill, East-Whiteland, Goshen, Westown and Willistown**, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the **Yellow-Springs**, in the township of **Pikeland** aforesaid. of Chester;

And the elections for the county of **Lancaster**, which for that purpose shall be divided into four districts, shall be holden at four places, to wit, the freemen of the borough of **Lancaster**, and of the townships of **Lancaster, Manheim, Manor, Lampeter, and Conestogoe**, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the court-house in the borough of **Lancaster**; the freemen of the townships of **Little-Britain, Dromore, Martic, Bart, Colerain, Sadsbury and Strasburgh**, being the second district, shall hold their elections at the house of **Colonel James Porter**, in the township of **Dromore** aforesaid; the freemen of the townships of **Donegal, Mountjoy, Rapho, Hempfield, Elizabeth and Warwick**, being the third district, shall hold their elections at the house of **Captain Hugh Pedén**, in the township of **Rapho** aforesaid; and the freemen of the townships of **Salisbury, Earl, Caernarvon, Brecknock, Cocolico and Leacock**, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house of **Thomas Henderson**, at **Newholland**, in the township of **Earl**, aforesaid. of Lancaster;

And the elections for the county of **York**, which for that purpose shall be divided into five districts, shall be holden at five places, to wit, the freemen of **York-Town**, and the townships of **York, Man-** of York;

1785. chester, Dover, Codorus, Shrewsbury, Windsor and Hellam, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the court-house of the same county, in York-town; the freemen of the townships of Cumberland, Hamilton's-Bann, Straban, Mountjoy, Menallan and Tyrone, being the second district, shall hold their elections at Samuel Gettis's; the freemen of the townships of Heidelberg, Berwick, Mount-Pleasant, Manheim, Paradise and Germany, being the third district, shall hold their elections at Hanover-town: the freemen of the townships of Fawn, Hopewell and Chanceford, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at Turner's mill, in the township of Chanceford aforesaid; and the freemen of the townships of Newberry, Warrington, Monahan, Huntingdon and Reading, being the fifth district, shall hold their elections at the house of the late Robert Stevenson.

of Cumber-
land;

The elections for the county of Cumberland, which for that purpose shall be divided into four districts, shall be holden at four places, to wit, the freemen of the town of Carlisle, and of the townships of East-Pennsborough, West-Pennsborough, Allen, Middletown, Newtown and Hopewell, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the court-house in the town of Carlisle; the freemen of the townships of Rye, Tyrone and Teboyn, being the second district, shall hold their elections at the house of William M'Clure, Esq. in the township of Tyrone aforesaid; the freemen of the townships of Greenwood, Fermanagh, Leek and Milford, being the third district, shall hold their elections at the house of Thomas Wilson, in the township of Milford aforesaid; the freemen of the townships of Derry, Armagh and Wayne, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house of Arthur Buchanan, in the township of Derry aforesaid.

of Berks;

And the elections of the county of Berks shall be holden at the county court-house in the town of Reading.

of North-
ampton;

And the elections of the county of Northampton, which for that purpose is divided into four districts, shall be holden at four places, to wit, the freemen of the town of Easton, and of the townships of Easton, William, Lower-Saucon, Bethlehem, Forks, Mount-Bethel and Plainfield, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the county court-house in Easton aforesaid; the freemen of the townships of Northampton, Salisbury, Upper-Saucon, Upper-Milford, Macungy, Weisenburgh, Lynn, Whitehall, Heidelberg and Lowhill, being the second district, shall hold their elections at the town of Northampton; the freemen of the townships of Allen, Moore, Chesnut-Hill, Towamensing, Penn and Lehigh, being the third district, shall hold their election at the house of Peter Anthony, in Lehigh aforesaid; and the freemen of the townships of Hamilton, Lower-Smithfield, Delaware and Upper-Smithfield, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house of Nicholas Depui, in Lower-Smithfield township aforesaid.

of Bedford;

And the elections of the county of Bedford, which for that purpose is divided into five districts, shall be holden at five places, to wit, the freemen of the town of Bedford, and of the townships of Bedford, Colerain, Providence and Cumberland Valley, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the court-house of the same

county, in Bedford town; the freemen of the townships of Bethel and Air, being the second district, shall hold their elections at the house of Ephraim Wallace, in the township of Bethel aforesaid; the freemen of the townships of Barre, Hopewell, Frankstown and Huntingdon, being the third district, shall hold their elections at the place called the Standing-stone; the freemen of the townships of Brothers Valley, Quesmahoning, Turkey Foot and Wilford, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house of James Black, in the township of Quesmahoning aforesaid; and the freemen of the townships of Dublin and Shirley, being the fifth district, shall hold their elections at the house of George Cluggage, in the township of Shirley aforesaid.

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And the elections of the county of Northumberland, which for that purpose is divided into four districts, shall be holden at four places, to wit, the freemen of the townships of Augusta, Penns and Mahony, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the town of Sunbury; and the freemen of the townships of Turbit, Mahoning, Wioming, Shawanee and Stoke, being the second district, shall hold their elections at the town of Northumberland; the freemen of the townships of Buffaloe, White Deer and Potter, being the third district, shall hold their elections at Foutz's formerly, now Green's mill, in Buffaloe aforesaid; and the freemen of the townships of Munsey and Bald Eagle, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house of Amariah Sutton, in Munsey aforesaid; and the freemen who reside without the bounds of any township, but within the said county, shall hold their elections at the place appointed for the fourth district as aforesaid.

of Northumberland;

And the elections for the county Westmoreland, which for that purpose is divided into five districts, shall be holden at five places, to wit, the freemen of the said county, who reside on the north side of the Kiskeminetas and Connemach, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the dwelling house of Samuel Dickson; the freemen of the said county, bounded by the Laurel hill, Connemach, the Chesnut-ridge and Fayette county line, being the second district, shall hold their elections at the house occupied by William Jameson; the freemen of the townships of Huntingdon and Rastrover, being the third district, shall hold their elections at the dwelling-house of William Moore, in the township of Rastrover aforesaid; the freemen of the township of Fort-Pitt, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the dwelling-house of Devereux Smith, in the town of Fort-Pitt; and all the freemen residing in the said county, who are not included in the aforementioned districts, shall hold their elections at Hanna's-town.

of Westmoreland;

And the elections for the county of Washington shall be holden at the court-house in the same county.

of Washington;

And the elections for the county of Fayette shall be holden at the court-house in Union town.

of Fayette;

And the elections for the county of Franklin shall be holden in two places, to wit, the freemen of the several townships in the said county, (except the township of Fannet,) being the first district, shall hold their elections at the court-house in the said county; and

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mery;

the freemen of the township of Fannet aforesaid, being the second district, shall hold their elections at the house of the widow Elliot, in the said township.

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And the elections for the county of Montgomery, which for that purpose is divided into three districts, shall be holden at three places, to wit, the freemen of the townships of Norriton, Plymouth, Whitpain, Upper-Merion, Lower-Merion, New-Providence, Worcester, Skippack and Perkiomen, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the court-house; the freemen of the townships of Whitmarsh, Springfield, Cheltenham, Abington, Moreland, Horscham, Upper Dublin, Gwynedd, Montgomery, Hatfield, Towamensing, Lower Salford and Franconia, being the second district, shall hold their elections at George Eckart's tavern, in Whitemarsh; and the freemen of the townships of Limerick, New Hanover, Douglass, Upper Hanover, Marlborough and Upper Salford, being the third district, shall hold their elections at Michael Krepse's tavern, in New Hanover.

And the elections for the county of Dauphin, which for that purpose is divided into four districts, shall be holden at four places, to wit; the freemen of the townships of Heidelberg, Lebanon, Bethel and East Hanover, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Anthony Kechler, in the town of Lebanon; the freemen of the townships of Derry, Londonderry and West Hanover, being the second district, shall hold their elections at Peter Friedley's, in Hummel's town, in the said township of Derry; the freemen of the townships of Lower Pextang, being the third district, shall hold their elections at the court-house in the said county; and the freemen of the township of Upper Pextang, on the north side of Peter's mountain, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house of Peter Hoffman, in Upper Pextang aforesaid.

Passed 13th September, 1785.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 5.

CHAPTER MCLXV.

An ACT to appoint trustees to purchase a piece of land, within described bounds, and thereon to erect a court-house and prison, for the use of the county of Westmoreland. (d)

SECT. I. WHEREAS the seat of justice for the county of Westmoreland hath not heretofore been established by law, for

(d) By an act of the 27th of December, 1786, the powers given to the commissioners, by the above act, and the acts passed on the 26th of February, 1773, and the 22d of March, 1784, (chap. 1069,) to purchase land, and erect thereon a court-house and gaol for the county of Westmoreland, were superseded, until the legislature should further and

otherwise direct; and the mode of settling their accounts was prescribed. But the suspending law was repealed, by an act of the 14th of February, 1789. See another act, (chap. 1803,) confirming a sale of certain lots of ground made by the trustees, appointed by this act. (Note to former edition.)