

CHAPTER MCCXXIV.

An ACT to discharge and annul the declaration of trust relating to the Scots Presbyterian church in the city of Philadelphia, so far as the said instrument incumbers the same church with subjection to foreign jurisdiction.

Passed 6th September, 1786.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 120.

CHAPTER MCCXXV.

A SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled "An act to establish and incorporate a public school at Germantown in the county of Philadelphia." [Chap. 1098, original act.]

Passed 6th September, 1786.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 139.

CHAPTER MCCXXVII.

An ACT to incorporate the Presbyterian congregation in Donegal township, in the county of Lancaster.

Passed 11th September, 1786.*—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 135.

* This act is dated in the roll, 1787, but is recorded with the laws of the present session.

CHAPTER MCCXXVIII.

An ACT for confirming and amending the charter of the German reformed congregation in the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Passed 11th September, 1786.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 153.

CHAPTER MCCXXIX.

An ACT for incorporating the Presbyterian congregation of Bensalem, in the county of Bucks.

Passed 11th September, 1786.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 140.

CHAPTER MCCXXXI.

An ACT for altering and amending an act, entitled "An act to regulate the general elections of this commonwealth, and to prevent frauds therein."

SECT. VII. AND whereas the election districts, by law established, in the counties of Philadelphia, Chester, Lancaster, York,

1786. Cumberland, Bedford, Northumberland, Westmoreland and Dauphin, are found to be inconvenient: Therefore, *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the elections for the county of Philadelphia, exclusive of the city of Philadelphia, shall hereafter be holden in three districts, viz. The freemen of the district of Southwark, and of the townships of the Northern-Liberties, Moyamensing, Passyunk, Blockley and Kingsessing, shall hold their elections at the State-house, in the city of Philadelphia; the freemen of the townships of Germantown, Roxborough and Bristol, shall hold their elections at the Union school-house, in Germantown; and the freemen of the other townships in the said county shall hold their elections at the house of John Barnesly, in Bustletown, in the township of Lower-Dublin.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That 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 Goshen, East-Bradford, West-Bradford, West-Town, Concord, Thornbury, Birmingham, Edgemont, East-Town, Kennet, Pennsbury, Newlin, East-Fallowfield, Willis-town and Bethel, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the court-house, in the township of Goshen; the freemen of the townships of Tredyffrin, West-Whiteland, East-Caln, West-Caln, West-Nantmill, East-Nantmill, Charlestown, Uwchland, Pikeland, Vincent, Coventry and East-Whiteland, being the second district, shall hold their elections at the sign of the Red Lion, in the township of Uwchland; the freemen of the townships of London-Grove, London-Britain, Londonderry, New-London, New-Garden, East-Marlborough, West-Marlborough, East-Nottingham, West-Nottingham, West-Fallowfield, Oxford and Sadsbury, being the third district, shall hold their elections at Chatham, formerly called the Half-way House; the freemen of the townships of Chester, Upper-Chichester, Lower-Chichester, Ashtown, Middletown, Upper and Nether-Providence, Ridgeley, Marple, Springfield, Darby, Haverford, Radnor, Tincum and Newtown, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house of Mary Withy, in the town of Chester.

SECT. IX. And whereas there has not been any courts held at the new court-house in the township of Goshen, in the county of Chester, and it may be doubtful where to make the returns of the district elections in and for said county: *Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the returns of the district elections in and for the county of Chester shall be made at the new court-house in the township of Goshen, in said county.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That from henceforth the elections for the county of Lancaster, which for that purpose shall be divided into four districts, shall be holden at the four following places, viz. the freemen of the borough of Lancaster, and of the townships of Lancaster, Strasburg, Warwick, Elizabeth, Manheim, Hempfield, Manor, Conestogoe, Cocallicoe and Lampeter, 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, Drumore, Bart, Colerain,

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Martick and Sadsbury, being the second district, shall hold their elections at the house of Colonel James Porter, in Drumore township; the freemen of the townships of Raphoe, Donegal and Mountjoy, being the third district, shall hold their elections at the house of Michael Nicholas, at the Cross roads, in Donegal township; and the freemen of the townships of Carnarvan, Brecknock, Earl, Leacock and Salisbury, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house of Thomas Henderson, in New-Holland.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* of York; That the freemen of the township of Paradise, in the county of York, shall hold their election at the court-house in the town of York, in the said county.

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* of Cumberland; That the townships of Newtown, Hopewell and Shippensburg, in the county of Cumberland, shall be the fifth district, and the freemen of the said townships shall hold their annual election at the public school-house, in the town of Shippensburg.

SECT. XIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* of Bedford; That the freemen of the second district in the county of Bedford shall henceforth meet and hold their annual election at the house of William Kerney, in said district; and that the freemen of the townships of Franks-town and Morrison's Cove shall be henceforth the sixth district in the said county, and shall meet and hold their annual elections at the house of Lazarus Lowrey, at Frank's-town; any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECT. XIV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* of Northumberland; That the freemen of Potter's township, in the county of Northumberland, shall henceforth hold their annual elections at the house of George M'Cormick, in Penn's Valley, in Potter's township, and be called the fifth district of the county aforesaid.

SECT. XV. And whereas the commissioners, who were appointed to ascertain and fix the proper place for holding the courts of justice in and for the county of Westmoreland, have fixed that the same courts be hereafter holden at Greensburg, otherwise Newtown: *Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That Greensburg shall hereafter be the place of election of the fifth district of Westmoreland county, and that at all future elections for the same county, the electors residing within the same district shall attend and vote at the court-house in Greensburg aforesaid; and that the returns to be made of inspectors elect be made at the said court-house in Greensburg, and not at Hanna's-town, the act of Assembly for regulating general elections notwithstanding: *Provided nevertheless,* That as the said electors may not be duly informed of this alteration of the place for holding the next ensuing election, the same be holden at Hanna's-town, as heretofore.

SECT. XVII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* Election districts in Dauphin; That the freemen of the fourth district of the county of Dauphin shall henceforth meet and hold their annual election at Kleine's-mill, in said district; and that the freemen of East-Hanover and Bethel townships, being part of the first district in said county, shall hold

1786. their annual election at the house of Matthias Henings, in Williamsburg, in Bethel township, being the fifth district.

passed 19th September, 1786.—Recorded in Law Book No III. page 117. (r)

(r) The first six sections of this act section was temporary, and is obsolete. See the act of 15th February, 1799, repealing the general elections. The 16th (chap. 2009.)

CHAPTER MCCXXXIII.

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

SECT. I. WHEREAS many of the inhabitants of the northern part of the county of Northumberland have, by their petition to the General Assembly of this state, represented the inconveniences which they are subject to, by the large extent of the said county of Northumberland, and the great distance at which the said petitioners dwell from the county town, where the courts of justice and the public offices of the same county are held and kept: For remedy whereof,

SECT. II. *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 all and singular the lands lying within that part of the county of Northumberland, which lie within the bounds and limits hereafter described, shall be erected into a separate county; that is to say, beginning at the mouth of Nescopeck creek, and running along the south bank thereof eastward to the head of said creek; from thence a due east course to the head branch of Lehigh creek; then along the east bank of said Lehigh creek to the head thereof; from thence a due north course to the northern boundary of the state; thence westward along the said boundary till it crosses the east branch of Susquehanna; and then along the said northern boundary fifteen miles west of the said river Susquehanna; thence by a straight line to the head of Tawandee creek; thence along the ridge which divides the waters of the east branch of the Susquehanna from those of the west branch, to a point due west from the mouth of Nescopeck creek; thence east to the place of beginning; which shall from henceforth be known and called by the name of Luzerne county.*

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of the said county of Luzerne shall, at all times hereafter, enjoy all and singular the jurisdictions, powers, rights, liberties and privileges, whatsoever, which the inhabitants of any other county of this state do, may, or ought to enjoy, by the constitution and laws of the said state.*

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the said county of Luzerne, shall be opened and held [on the Tuesday succeeding the Tuesday, on which the court of Northumberland is held, in each and every term hereafter; and that the court of Quarter Sessions shall sit three days at each sessions, and no longer,] and shall be held at the house of Zebulon Butler, in the town of Wilkesburg, in the said county of*

The county of Luzerne erected.

Its boundaries.

Rights and privileges of the new county.

The courts, where and when to be held.

[Altered see the note.]