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CHAPTER MDCCCXXII.

An ACT to authorize the directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia to encrease the annual payment of the members of the said company.

Passed 13th April, 1795.—Private act.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 434.

CHAPTER MDCCCXXIII.

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

WHEREAS a great number of the inhabitants of that part of the county of Northumberland, lying Northwest of the Muncey hills, have by their petitions set forth to the Legislature, that they labour under great inconvenience, by reason of their great distance from the seat of justice, and it is just and reasonable that they should be relieved in the premises :

SECT. I. *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 all that part of Northumberland county, lying northwestward of a line drawn from the Mifflin county line, on the summit of Nittanny mountain; thence running along the top or highest ridge of the said mountain, to where the White Deer Hole creek runs through the same, and from thence by a direct line crossing the West Branch of Susquehanna, at the mouth of Black Hole creek, to the end of Muncy hills; thence along the top of Muncy hills and the Bald mountain, to the Luzerne county line; shall be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, to be henceforth called and known by the name of Lycoming county.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inhabitants of the said county of Lycoming shall, at all times hereafter, enjoy all and singular the jurisdictions, powers, rights, liberties and privileges whatsoever, within the same, which the inhabitants of other counties of this state do, may or ought to enjoy within their respective counties, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.

[SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the President of the third district, of which district the said county of Lycoming is hereby declared to be part, as well as the Associate Judges which shall be commissioned in and for the county of Lycoming, shall have like powers, jurisdictions and authorities, within the same, as are warranted to and exercised by the said Judges in other counties of this commonwealth; and that the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the Common Pleas, in and for the county of Lycoming, shall be opened and holden on the Monday next succeeding the General County Courts held in the county of Northumberland in each year, at the Court-House in the said county.]

Lycoming county erected.

Boundaries of Lycoming county.

Its jurisdiction and privileges to be the same as those of other counties.

The judicial arrangements of the county established.

(Supplied.)

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* 1795.
That no action or suit now commenced, or that may be commenced in the County Courts of Northumberland, before the first day of November next, against any person living or residing within the bounds of the county of Lycoming, shall be stayed, discontinued or affected by this act, or any thing herein contained, but that the same may be prosecuted to the final issue, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

Provision for the continuance of process commenced in Northumberland county.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
That the inhabitants of the said county of Lycoming shall, under the same rules, laws and regulations, as the other counties of this commonwealth, elect such officers, as they, by law and the constitution, are entitled to.

Election of county officers to be the same as in other counties.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
That the Sheriffs, Treasurers, and all such officers as have heretofore usually given bail for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, who may hereafter be elected or appointed in the county of Lycoming, before they or either of them, shall enter upon the execution of their respective offices, shall give sufficient security, in the like sums, in the like manner and form, and for the like uses, trusts and purposes, as such officers are obliged by law, for the time being to do in the county of Northumberland.

The county officers to give the customary security in other counties.

[SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
That the Governor be authorized, and he is hereby required to appoint five commissioners, which commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at the town of Northumberland on the first Monday of September next, and proceed to view and determine upon the most eligible and proper situation for erecting the public buildings for the said county, and make their report into the office of the Secretary of this commonwealth on or before the first day of October next, which report so made shall be final, and shall fix and determine the spot for the seat of justice in and for the said county; for which service each of the said commissioners shall have and receive three dollars *per diem* for every day they shall be employed in the said service, to be paid by warrants drawn by the county commissioners on the Treasurer of Northumberland county.]

Commissioners to be appointed, to fix a place for county buildings.

Their pay. (Obsolete.)

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of taxes of the said county, which shall be elected at the next annual election, to take assurance to them, and their successors in office, of such lot or piece of ground as shall have been approved of by the commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid, or a majority of them, for the purpose of erecting thereon a court-house, gaol, and offices for safe-keeping of the records; and that for defraying the expenses thereof the county commissioners shall assess and levy, in the manner directed by the acts for raising county rates and levies, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

The county commissioners to take assurance of the lot for such buildings.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
That all arrearages of taxes now due, and which have been assessed within the county of Northumberland prior to the passing of this act, shall be collected by the proper officers, and paid into the treasury of the said county of Northumberland, in the same man-

Arrearages of taxes, how to be collected.

1795. ner as if this act had not passed, [and that the said county of Lycoming shall form a part of the district composed of Northumberland and Dauphin counties, for electing members of Congress, and shall form a part of the district of Mifflin, Northumberland and Luzerne counties, for electing Senators of this commonwealth.]

Districts in which Lycoming shall elect members of Congress and State Senators. Election of Representatives in the State Legislature. (Altered.)

[SECT. x. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland and the county of Lycoming, shall jointly elect three representatives, to serve in the House of Representatives of this state, in the same manner, under the same regulations, and make return thereof in like manner, as is directed by the existing laws of this state for conducting and making return of the election of Northumberland, any thing in this act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.]

[SECT. 11. The taxable inhabitants to be enumerated and returned to the Legislature. Obsolete.]

Passed 13th April, 1795.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 488. (q)

(q) Part of *Lycoming* county taken into the county of *Centre*, by act of 13th February, 1800, (chap. 2092.)

Part of *Lycoming* county taken into *Armstrong* county, by act of 12th March, 1800, (chap. 2119.)

Commissioners appointed to run part of the lines between *Lycoming* and *Centre*, by act of 7th January, 1801, (chap. 2147.)

Commissioners appointed to run the line between *Northumberland*, *Luzerne* and *Lycoming*, by act of 23d February, 1801, (chap. 2182.)

Part of *Lycoming* taken into *Indiana* county by act of 30th March, 1803, (chap. 2363.)

Part of *Lycoming* taken into the counties of *Jefferson*, *McKean*, *Clearfield*, *Potter* and *Tioga*, by act of 26th March, 1804, (chap. 2466.)

Part of *Luzerne* county annexed to *Lycoming*, by act of 2d April, 1804, (chap. 2494.) But this part is taken into the county of *Ontario*, by act of 21st February, 1810.

The powers of the commissioners, &c. of *Lycoming* county, extended to the county districts of *Potter* and *Tioga*, and the commissioners, &c. to keep distinct accounts of monies collected from each of the said county districts: and the recorder to provide a separate book for recording of deeds for each of the said districts, by act of 3d Feb'y, 1806, (chap. 2629.)

Sheriff of *Lycoming* to give security in the sum of 5000 dollars, and the Coroner in one fourth of that sum, by act of 28th March, 1803, (chap. 2355.)

The first election district enlarged, and the place of holding the elections therein established. The second district declared, and the place of holding elections therein established, and the fourth election district enlarged,

and place of holding elections therein fixed, by act of 26th Feb'y, 1801, (chap. 2195.)

Tioga township erected into a separate district, by act of 3d April, 1804, (chap. 2507, Sect. 8.)

Burlington election district established, by act of 4th April, 1805, (chap. 2599, sect. 17.) place of holding elections therein fixed, by act of 31st March, 1806, (chap. 2715, sect. 23.)

Place of holding elections in the third district fixed, and *Delmar* township erected into a separate district, by act of 11th April, 1807, (chap. 2856, sect. 28-29.)

The place of holding elections in the fourth district fixed.—In the lower *Tioga* district, fixed; and the *eleventh* district erected of part of *Washington* township, by act of 4th April, 1809, sect. 18-19-20.

Place of holding elections in *Burlington*, the seventh district, changed. Part of *Delmar* township erected into a separate district. And the place of holding elections in the *Cliftsburg* district altered, by act of 20th March, 1810, sect. 5, 6, 7.

An academy established at *Williamsport*, in *Lycoming* county; by act of 2d April, 1811.

Lycoming, with *Northumberland* and *Luzerne* counties form the eighth judicial district, by act of 24th Feb'y, 1806, (chap. 2634.) And by the same act the courts in *Luzerne* are held on the first Mondays in January, April, August and November. In *Northumberland* on the second Mondays after the commencement of the courts in *Luzerne*, and in *Lycoming*, on the second Mondays after the commencement of the courts in *Northumberland*. The term continues two weeks.

Lycoming county forms part of the middle district of the Supreme Court.