

the authority aforesaid, That at the expiration of the aforesaid term of fourteen years in the cases herein before mentioned, the exclusive right of printing and disposing of any such book or pamphlet in this state shall return to the author thereof, if then living, his heirs and assigns for the term of fourteen years more, and that all and every person or persons who shall reprint, publish, vend, distribute or import within this state any copies thereof, without the consent of such author or proprietor obtained as aforesaid, during said second term of fourteen years shall be liable to the same penalties to be recovered in the same manner as is herein before directed:

(Section VI, P. L.) And [be] it provided also that no author or proprietor of any book or pamphlet shall be entitled to the benefit of this act unless he shall insert on the back of the title page, a copy of the certificate of entry obtained of the prothonotary aforesaid, which the said prothonotary is hereby required to grant without any further reward.

[Section III.] (Section VII, P. L.) Provided nevertheless, That this act shall not take place until such time as all and every of the states in the union shall have passed laws, similar to the same, in conformity to the recommendation of congress aforesaid.

Passed March 15, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 272, etc.

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## CHAPTER MLXXX.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR ERECTING PART OF THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD INTO A SEPARATE COUNTY."<sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas by the act the title whereof is above recited the trustees therein named, viz: Robert Hanna, George Wilson, Samuel Sloan, Joseph Irwin and John Cavet or any three of of them were empowered by the said act to purchase

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<sup>1</sup> Passed February 26, 1773, Chapter 678.

and take assurance to them and their heirs of a piece of land situated in some convenient place in the said county, to be approved of by the governor in trust and for the use of the inhabitants of the said county and thereupon to erect and build a court house and prison sufficient to accommodate the public service of the said county:

(Section II, P. L.) And whereas by an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth to revive and put in force such and so much of the laws of the late province of Pennsylvania as is judged necessary and by the fifth section of said law it is enacted that all officers of the late government are declared to be removed except the trustees of the loan office:

(Section III, P. L.) And whereas the trustees mentioned in the act for erecting the said county of Westmoreland did not comply with the powers therein given them:

[Section I.] (Section IV, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 John Irwin, Benjamin Davis, Charles Campbell, James Pollock and James Wilkins be, and they are hereby appointed trustees for the said county of Westmoreland.

[Section II.] (Section V, P. L.) And [be] it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said John Irwin, Benjamin Davis, Charles Campbell, James Pollock and James Wilkins are hereby empowered and required to perform all and every of the duties of trustees for the said county of Westmoreland as fully and amply as the former trustees for the said county, could or might have done, anything in the before recited act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding:

(Section VI, P. L.) And whereas the counties of Westmoreland and Fayette had not due notice that the latter county was erected until after the courts had been holden for the said county of Westmoreland in October last, by reason whereof no court could be holden in the said county of Fayette until December last nor were any officers elected in the said county of Fayette at the last general election, but some writs were issued against persons residing in the said county of Fayette from the

county court of common pleas of Westmoreland county tested in October term last, and returnable in the said court of common pleas of the said county of Westmoreland in January last and also several indictments were found in the general quarter sessions of the peace, at the said October term in the said county of Westmoreland against persons residing in the said county of Fayette:

(Section VII, P. L.) And whereas the justices of the said county of Fayette met on a day before the said term of December last in the said county and ordered writs to be issued returnable to the said December term:

(Section VIII, P. L.) And whereas doubts have arisen and may arise as to the regularity of the said proceedings and how far the said courts had and have authority to proceed to judgment and execution on the said writs and indictments and also how far the sheriff of Westmoreland county and the other officers usually elected at the general election, in Westmoreland county had and have authority to execute their respective offices within the said county of Fayette until the next general election:

To remove which doubts:

[Section III.] (Section IX, P. L.) It is hereby declared and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every writ and writs, issued by the county court of Westmoreland county tested in October term last and returnable to the said court in January term last against any person or persons then an inhabitant or inhabitants within the county of Fayette and that all and singular the indictments found as aforesaid, are hereby declared to be good [and] valid in law to all intents and purposes as if the said county of Fayette had not been erected until the said courts were held in the said county of Westmoreland in January term last.

[Section IV.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That [all and] every writ and writs returnable to the county court of common pleas held in and for the said county of Fayette in December term last are hereby declared to be good and valid in law to all intents and purposes as if the court of common pleas for the said county of Fayette

had been held and the said writs had been duly tested in September term last in the said county.

[Section V.] (Section XI, P. L.) And it is hereby declared and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sheriff of Westmoreland county and all other officers within the said county who are usually chosen at the general election have and are hereby declared to have the same authority, to execute their respective offices within the said county of Fayette until the next general election as if the said county of Fayette had not been erected.

Passed March 22, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 274, etc. Repealed by the Act of Assembly passed September 13, 1785, Chapter 1176.

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## CHAPTER MLXXXI.

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A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ENABLE WILLIAM CLINGAN, THOMAS BULL, JOHN KINKEAD, ROGER KIRK, JOHN SELLERS, JOHN WILSON AND JOSEPH DAVIS TO BUILD A NEW COURT HOUSE AND PRISON IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER, AND SELL THE OLD COURT HOUSE AND PRISON, IN THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER." <sup>1</sup>

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the act, entitled "An act to enable William Clingan, Thomas Bull, John Kinkead, Roger Kirk, John Sellers, John Wilson and Joseph Davis, to build a new court house and prison in the county of Chester, and sell the old court house and prison in the borough of Chester," <sup>1</sup> passed the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, hath not been carried into execution by the commissioners therein named:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 John Hannum, esquire, John Taylor, esquire, and John Jacobs, be, and they hereby are

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<sup>1</sup> Passed March 20, 1780, Chapter 901.