

of Devereux Smith, esquire, at Fort Pitt, and then and there elect members of the general assembly, and other elective officers for said county, according to the said constitution, and the laws in such case made and provided; and a return of such elections shall be made in the same manner as the laws of this commonwealth direct for other districts; anything in the above recited act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

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CHAPTER MLXXXVII.

AN ACT FOR DESTROYING SQUIRRELS IN THE COUNTIES OF WEST-MORELAND, WASHINGTON AND FAYETTE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it appears to this house by sundry petitions from the counties of Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette that great damage is done to the grain in those counties by squirrels:

[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 from and after the passing of this act, the different county commissioners in the counties aforesaid, shall, and they are hereby empowered and authorized to levy upon the taxable inhabitants in the counties aforesaid, any sum of money not exceeding three hundred pounds in one year in any of the counties aforesaid when the number of squirrels may make it necessary to levy the same, which sum shall be laid, collected and paid unto the different county treasurers in the counties aforesaid, and by them to be paid in the manner hereafter directed, and the accounts settled in the same way and manner as other county levies are.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons, that shall kill any squirrels from and after the passing of this act

and shall make oath or affirmation before any justice of his or their proper county, upon delivering the scalps of the same, that the scalps then produced were taken from the heads of squirrels killed in his or their own proper county, and in the county in which they are then produced which proofs being made, the justice is hereby empowered to receive the scalps then produced, and in the presence of the deliverer burn or otherwise destroy the same, and grant him or them a receipt for the number of squirrel scalps by him so received, which oath and receipt the said justice or justices are hereby required to administer and grant without fee or reward, which receipt shall be receivable in whole or in part for his or their county tax laid for destroying squirrels, at the rate of two pence for each scalp, provided the same are delivered before the first day of November, yearly, when the courts of quarter sessions in the different counties aforesaid may deem it necessary to levy the said tax in the counties aforesaid.

[Section III.] And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons producing such certificate or certificates as aforesaid, to the treasurer of his or their county or counties, the said treasurer or treasurers shall pay the said person or persons the sum of two pence for each scalp so certified, out of the money in his hands for that purpose, and take a receipt on the back of such certificate for all sums by him so paid or received from any collector.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) Provided always, That nothing in this act contained shall extend to any other counties than the counties of Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette.

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