

third district to Miller's run to the head thereof, thence with the line of the fourth district and to the nearest place on said line to the heads of Raccoon creek, from thence a straight line to said creek and down the same to Ohio River, thence up said river to the place of beginning, being the fifth district, shall hold their elections at the house of Joshua Meek, in said district. And all the freemen of the remainder of the county not included in the before mentioned districts shall hold their elections at the house of George Blazer, on the waters of King's creek.

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See the Act of Assembly passed September 26, 1788, Chapter 1360.

CHAPTER XCCXXI.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING PART OF BEDFORD INTO A SEPARATE COUNTY.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas it hath been represented to the general assembly of this state by the inhabitants of that part of Bedford county which lies on the waters of the Frankstown branch of Juniata, the lower part of the Raystown branch of the same, the Standing Stone Valley, part of Woodcock Valley, the waters of Aughwick creek and other the northeasterly parts of the said county of Bedford that they labor under great hardships from their great distance from the present seat of justice and the public offices for the said county now in the town of Bedford:

For remedy whereof:

[Section I.] (Section II. P. L.) 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 the bounds and limits hereinafter described and following shall be and are hereby erected into a separate county

by the name of Huntingdon county: namely, beginning in the line of Bedford and Franklin counties where the new state road (by some called Skinner's road) leading from Shippensburg to Littleton crosses the Tuscarora mountain, thence in a straight course or line to the gap in the Shade mountain where the road formerly called Pott's road crosses the same about two miles north of Littleton, thence by a straight line to the old Gap in Sideling Hill where Sideling Hill creek crosses the mountain, thence in a straight line by the northerly side of Sebastian Shoub's mill on the Raystown branch of Juniata, thence on a straight line to the Elk Gap, in Tussey's mountain computed to be about nineteen miles above or southwesterly of the town of Huntingdon (formerly called the Standing Stone) and from the said Elk Gap in a straight line to the Gap at Jacob Steven's mill a little below where Woolrey's mill formerly stood, in Morrison's cove, thence in a straight line by the southerly side of Blair's mill at the foot of the Allegheny mountain, thence across the said mountain in a straight line to and along the ridges dividing the waters of Conemaugh from the waters of Clearfield and Chest creeks to the line of Westmoreland county, thence by the same to the old purchase line which was run from Kittanning to the west branch of Susquehanna river and along the said line to the said west branch and down the same to the mouth of Moshannon creek and along the remaining lines or boundaries which now divide the county of Bedford from the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland and Franklin, to the place of beginning.

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of the said county shall at all times hereafter have and enjoy all and singular the privileges and jurisdictions which the inhabitants of any other county within this state do, may or ought to enjoy by the constitution and laws of the state.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the justices of the peace commissioned at the time of passing this act and residing within the bounds and limits of the said county herein and hereby

erected and constituted, shall be justices of the peace for the said county during the time for which they are so commissioned and they, or any three of them, shall and may hold courts of general quarter sessions of the peace, and the justices of the common pleas in like manner commissioned and residing or any three of them shall and may hold courts of common pleas in the said county during the time for which they are as aforesaid so commissioned, and the said courts of general quarter sessions of the peace and of common pleas shall have all and singular the powers and authorities, rights and jurisdictions to all intents and purposes which any other courts of general quarter sessions and of the common pleas in any of the other counties of this state may, can or ought to have in their respective counties, which courts shall sit and be held for the said county of Huntingdon hereby erected on the first Tuesday in the months of December, March, June and September, at the house now occupied by Ludwig Sell in the town of Huntingdon in the said county until a court house shall be built as hereinafter directed for the said county, and then shall be holden and kept at the said court house on the days and times before mentioned.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of each township in the said county qualified by law to elect shall at the usual places in the respective districts as heretofore laid off for the county of Bedford and which may now fall within the county hereby erected, that is to say in the town of Huntingdon for what was called the third district at the house of George Cluggage, in Shirley township for the fifth district, and at the house of David Lowrey in Tyrone township for the sixth district at the same time and in like manner as the inhabitants of the townships and districts of other counties in the state meet and choose justices of the peace, inspectors, judges of the election for representatives in general assembly, a councillor and other elective county officers agreeably to the constitution and laws of this state for the time being.

[Section V.] (Section VI. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sheriff, treasurers, pro-

thonotaries, collectors of excise and all such other officers as have heretofore given security for the faithful discharge of their several offices in the other counties of this state, and who shall hereafter be appointed or elected in the said county, before they or any of them shall enter upon the execution of their respective offices, duties and trusts, shall give sufficient security in the like sums and in the like manners and forms and for the same uses, trusts and purposes as such other officers and persons elected and appointed for the like offices, duties and trusts are obliged by law to give in the county of Bedford for the time being.

(Section VII. P. L.) And whereas by the act to appoint a representation for the city and county of Philadelphia and the several counties of this commonwealth in proportion to the number of taxable inhabitants for the ensuing seven years, the county of Bedford is entitled to choose three representatives in the general assembly:

[Section VI.] (Section VIII. P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the six years next ensuing the second Tuesday in October next the county of Bedford as divided from the county of Huntingdon herein and hereby erected shall choose only two representatives to serve in the general assembly, annually, and that the county of Huntingdon hereby erected shall at the first general election to be holden for the said county, on the second Tuesday of October next and so upon the second Tuesday of October in every of the five succeeding years choose one representative to serve in general assembly, one councillor, two fit persons for sheriffs, two fit persons for coroners, and three commissioners in the same manner and under the same rules, regulations and penalties as by the constitution and laws of this state is directed in respect to other counties, and the said representative, councillor, and other officers when chosen as aforesaid and duly qualified shall have and enjoy all and singular such powers, authorities and privileges in and for their county as such officers elected in and for any other county in this state may, can or ought to have.

(Section IX. P. L.) And whereas the petitioners for erecting

the said county have unanimously represented to this house that the town of Huntingdon on the river Juniata is a proper and central place for the seat of justice of the said county and the proprietor of the said town at the desire and with the approbation of the inhabitants and owners of lots and buildings in the same hath laid off and set apart a proper and sufficient quantity of grounds for the site of a court house, county gaol and prison and hath engaged to give, assure and convey the same to the commonwealth in trust and for the use and benefit of the said county, provided the said town of Huntingdon shall be fixed upon by law as a proper place for the seat of justice in the said county:

Therefore:

[Section VII.] (Section X. P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Benjamin Elliot, Thomas Duncan Smith, Ludwig Sell, George Ashman and William McElvey be and they are hereby appointed trustees for the said county of Huntingdon and they or any three of them shall take assurance of and for the lands and grounds proposed to be appropriated as aforesaid in the said town of Huntingdon for the site of a court house and county gaol or prison and shall take care that the quantity of ground so to be appropriated be sufficient and convenient for the public purposes aforesaid and as little detrimental as possible to the proprietors and owners of the contiguous lots and buildings, which assurance and conveyance of the grounds as aforesaid the said trustees or any three of them shall take in the name of the commonwealth in trust and for the use and benefit of the said county of Huntingdon and thereupon erect a court house and prison sufficient to accommodate the public service of the said county.

[Section VIII.] (Section XI. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners to be elected in the said county of Huntingdon shall lay, assess and levy a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds within the said county as county rates and levies are raised and levied to pay for the building and finishing the said court house and goal and the money so raised shall be put into the hands of the said trustees for the uses aforesaid and the said

trustees shall from time to time render a true and faithful account of the expenditures of the same, not only to the commissioners but to the grand jury and other officers who may be appointed by lawful authority for the inspection, adjustment and settlement of the accounts of the said county.

[Section IX.] (Section XII. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the justices of the supreme court of this state shall have the like powers, jurisdiction and authorities within said county of Huntingdon as by law they are vested with and entitled to have and exercise in any other county or counties of this state and they are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to deliver the gaol of the said county of capital and other offenders in the same manner as they are authorized and empowered to do in any other counties of the same.

[Section X.] (Section XIII. P. L.) Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no action or suit now commenced or depending in the county of Bedford or which shall be commenced in the same in the due and usual forms of law, before the courts of the said county of Huntingdon hereby erected shall be opened and organized according to this act, and the course of the laws and usage of the state, shall be delayed, discontinued or affected by this act, but the same shall proceed to judgment and execution shall be issued and awarded upon all such judgments by the sheriff or coroner of the said county of Bedford as if this act had not been made, and that it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the county of Bedford aforesaid for carrying on and obtaining the effect of such suit to issue any mesne, judicial or other process for such purpose to be directed to the sheriff or coroner of the said county of Bedford, which sheriff or coroner is hereby commanded to obey the said process and to make the necessary and usual return thereof before the court issuing such process as if the party or parties defendant were residing in the same county.

[Section XI.] (Section XIV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such of the inhabitants of the third and sixth districts of the said county of Bedford

as shall not fall within the lines of the county of Huntingdon herein and hereby erected shall give their votes at the next and succeeding general elections for the [said] county of Bedford, at the town of Bedford, and such of the inhabitants of the fifth district as shall not fall within the lines of said county but continue within the county of Bedford shall vote at the house of William Kerney in the second district till further provision be made for that effect according to law.

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See the Acts of Assembly passed March 2, 1789, Chapter 1392;
March 27, 1790, Chapter 1497; April 19, 1794, Chapter 1753.

CHAPTER MCCCXII.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN AT YORKTOWN.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the rector, churchwardens and vestrymen of the Protestant Episcopal church at Yorktown in the county of York, have by their petition set forth, that the members of the said Protestant Episcopal church formerly in communion with the Church of England had erected and built a convenient church on a lot of ground in Beaver street in the said town and that they had nearly finished and completed a parsonage house and a large and extensive school house upon the square on Beaver street opposite the said church, and that the lot upon which the said church stands and the ground which has been occupied as a burial place were sometime since conveyed or granted to Joseph Adlum and others for the use of the said church and that as well the said lots upon which the said parsonage house and school house stand as sundry other lots adjoining or near them have been conveyed to the Reverend John Campbell, the present rector of the said church and his heirs, in trust for the use of the rector and churchwardens, and vestry of the Protestant Episcopal church at Yorktown for the time being and their successors forever. And further