

old district the said place is rendered very inconvenient to the petitioners:

For remedy whereof:

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the freemen of the third district of Northumberland shall from and after the passing of this act hold their elections at the dwelling house of Andrew Billmeyer in Buffeloe township, anything in a former law directing the said elections to be held at Foutz's or Green's mill to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Passed September 26, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 418.

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## CHAPTER MCCCLXII.

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AN ACT TO ALTER CERTAIN ELECTION DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COUNTIES OF DAUPHIN AND FRANKLIN AND TO ESTABLISH NEW ONES THEREIN.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the freemen of part of Derry and Lower Paxtang township in the county of Dauphin and the freemen of the townships of Lurgan and Southampton in the county of Franklin have by their petitions set forth that they labor under very great inconveniences in attending their elections occasioned by the too great distance from the places appointed by law for holding their said elections:

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 from and after the passing of this act; that part of Derry township, now included in the second election district of the county of Dauphin and that part of Lower Paxtang township included within the third district of the said county be struck off into a sixth district by the lines hereafter described, viz., beginning

at a stone mill situate in Lower Paxtang township near the bank of the Susquehanna river distant about three miles from Middletown, thence in a straight line to Jacob Brandt's, thence in a straight line to Christopher Earnest's on Swatara creek, thence down the same to a ford commonly called the Island ford, thence across the said creek and along the boundary line between the companies of Captain James Cluni and Captain Robert McKee to a road that divides the townships of Londonderry and Derry, thence along the said road to Conawaga creek, thence along the said creek to the Susquehanna river, thence up the Susquehanna river including the islands to the stone mill aforesaid, and the freemen of the said sixth district now erected shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Conrad Nolfy in the town of Middletown, in Lower Paxtang township aforesaid.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the freemen of the townships of Lurgan and Southampton in the county of Franklin shall be the fifth district in the said county and the freemen of the aforesaid townships shall meet and hold their elections at the house now occupied by Joseph Finley in the township of Southampton.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the act entitled "An act to regulate the general elections of this commonwealth and to prevent frauds therein,"<sup>1</sup> so far as the same respects the boundaries of the second and third election districts interfering with the district now laid off be and it is hereby repealed and declared null and void.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of an act entitled "An act to divide the county of Franklin into election districts and to alter the place for holding the general elections in the sixth district of the county of Bedford and for making the townships of Greenwood and Rye in the county of Cumberland

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<sup>1</sup> Passed September 13, 1785, Chapter 1175.

a sixth district for the purpose of holding their general elections,"<sup>2</sup> as is hereby altered be and the same is hereby repealed.

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### CHAPTER MCCCLXIII.

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#### AN ACT TO EXONERATE THE FRONTIER INHABITANTS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY FROM THE PAYMENT OF TAXES.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the frontier inhabitants of Washington county have by their petition set forth that they are greatly distressed and impoverished by the frequent incursions and depredations of the Indians so as to be rendered unable to comply with the demands of government in paying their taxes, and therefore have prayed this house to give them relief by exoneration:

And whereas it is deemed just and reasonable to give the citizens of Washington county that relief which they have prayed for:

[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 it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of the county aforesaid or any two of them to hear, judge of and determine upon all applications that shall be made by the frontier inhabitants of said county in pursuance of this act, and in all cases [where] said commissioners have due information either from their own knowledge or by the oath or affirmation of one or more credible witnesses (which oath or affirmation the said commissioners are hereby empowered to administer) that the person so applying has been actually driven from his or her habitation, or been otherwise distressed by the depredations of the Indians, then and in such case the commissioners shall extend to such

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<sup>2</sup> Passed September 10, 1787, Chapter 1301.