

justices of the counties of Cumberland or Northumberland respectively aforesaid for the carrying on and obtaining the effects of such suits, to issue any necessary process for such purpose to be directed to the sheriff or coroner of said counties of Cumberland or Northumberland as the case may be, which said sheriffs and coroners are hereby commanded to obey the said process and to make the necessary and usual returns thereof before the court issuing such process as if the party or parties defendant were residing in the same county.

Passed September 19, 1798. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 536. See the Acts of Assembly passed April 5, 1790, Chapter 1515; April 9, 1791, Chapter 1561.

CHAPTER MCDXXXVII.

AN ACT TO DIVIDE THE COUNTY [OF] BERKS INTO ELECTION DISTRICTS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the freemen of the county of Berks have by their petitions to this house prayed that the said county may be divided into election districts and it is conceived that [the] same would contribute to their ease in attending their general elections:

[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 county of Berks shall be and the same is hereby divided into five election districts for the purpose of holding the general elections of which the borough of Reading and the townships of Alsace, Cumru, Exter, Heidelberg, Brecknoch, Maiden-creek, Carnarvon, Oley, Robinson, Ruscombmanor and the lower part of Bern (the township of Bern to be divided as follows, beginning at a black oak tree standing on the eastern bank of Tulpehocken creek in said township, being a corner of Anthony Shomo and Abraham Stout's land,

thence by [a] straight line to John Noecker's mill on the river Schuylkill) shall be the first, and the freemen thereof shall hold their elections at the court-house in the said borough of Reading, and the townships of Maxatawney, Longswamp, Hereford district, Richmond, Rockland and Greenwich shall be the second, and the freemen thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Philip Gehr in Kutztown in the township of Maxatawney, and the townships of Windsor, Brunswick, [Albany] and the upper part of Bern shall be the third and freemen thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by John Moyer in the town of Hamburg in the township of Windsor and the townships of Tulpehocken, Bethel and Pine Grove shall be the fourth and the freemen thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Godfrey Roehrer in the township of Tulpehocken, and the townships of Earl, Amity, Union, Colebrookdale and Douglass shall be the fifth and the freemen thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by William Witman in the township of Amity, anything to the contrary hereof in any former law contained notwithstanding.

Passed September 21, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 539.

CHAPTER MCDXXXVIII.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING THE TOWN OF EASTON IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON INTO A BOROUGH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the inhabitants of the town of Easton have represented by their petition to the assembly that the said town is advantageously situated on the conflux of the rivers Delaware and Lehigh and is greatly improving and increasing in the number of buildings and inhabitants and that the courts of justice for the county are held there, and for these reasons have prayed that the said town may be erected into a borough.