

may be divided into districts, hold elections therein and elect their representatives in the county and their other elective officers, and as a division of the county of Fayette would contribute to the ease and convenience of the good citizens thereof in holding their annual elections:

[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 enacting hereof the elections of the county of Fayette which is hereby divided into four districts shall be held in four places, to wit, the freemen of the townships of Union, Franklin and Wharton, the first district, shall hold their elections at the court-house in Uniontown; the freemen of the townships of Springhill, German and George's, the second district, shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Nicholas Riffle in German Township [aforesaid]; the freemen of the townships of Luzerne, Manallen and Washington, the third district, shall hold their elections at Fort Burd; and the freemen of the townships of Tyrone and Bulskin, the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Samuel Hicks in Bulskin township aforesaid anything in the act entitled "An act to regulate the general elections of this commonwealth and to prevent frauds therein,"¹ contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

¹ Passed September 13, 1785, Chapter 1175.

Passed March 3, 1790. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 62.

CHAPTER MCDLXXXV.

AN ACT TO COMPENSATE WILLIAM LYON, ESQUIRE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it appears to this house that the dwelling house and office of William Lyon, Esquire, prothonotary of the county court of common pleas for the county of Cumberland, having caught fire on the night of the first day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine were to-

gether with his household furniture and the wearing apparel of himself and his family, entirely consumed, while the public papers and records in his custody, by his spirited exertions were preserved from destruction and the said William Lyon hath requested this house, in consideration of the preceding circumstances to exempt him from the payment of the tax imposed by an act of the general assembly passed [on] the twentieth day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three upon certain writs issuing out of the said court:

And whereas it appears to this house to be reasonable that a compensation should be made for losses occasioned by conduct so public spirited and disinterested:

[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 authority of the same, That the said William Lyon, Esquire, shall be and he is hereby exonerated from the payment of the said tax upon all writs otherwise liable thereto which have been issued out of the said office since the term of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight and also upon all such writs which shall be issued out of the said office before the term of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Passed March 3, 1790. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 56.

CHAPTER MCDLXXXVI.

AN ACT TO REIMBURSE GABRIEL COX, GEORGE VALENDIGHAM AND ANDREW SWERINGEN FOR MONEYS ADVANCED BY THEM IN THE DEFENSE OF THE FRONTIERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Gabriel Cox, George Valendigham and Andrew Sweringen have by their petitions set forth that in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty they engaged Captain Thomas Bay to raise a company of rangers for the defense of the frontiers of Washington county and gave their assumption for payment on which assumption the said Captain Thomas Bay commenced a suit at law and recovered the sum of two hundred and fifty-five pounds damages and