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OF THE

## General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

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THOMAS M'KEAN, GOVERNOR,  
JOHN WOODS, SPEAKER OF THE SENATE,  
ISAAC WEAVER, JUNR. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES.

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### CHAPTER MMLXXXVI.

*An ACT for erecting part of the county of York, into a separate county.*

SECT. I. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all that part of the county of York included within the following lines, viz. Beginning in the line of Cumberland county where the road from Carlisle to Baltimore leads through Trent's gap; thence along the said road to Binder's; thence a straight line to Conewago-creek opposite to the mouth of Abbot's run; thence along the line of Berwick and Paradise townships, until it strikes the line of Manheim township; thence along the line of Manheim and Berwick westwardly, until it strikes the road leading from Oxford to Hanover-town; and from thence a due south course until it strikes the Maryland line; thence along the Maryland line to the line of Franklin county; thence along the line of Franklin and Cumberland counties to the place of beginning, shall be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, to be henceforth called and known by the name of Adams County.*

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of the said county of Adams shall at all times hereafter, enjoy all and singular the jurisdictions, powers, rights, liberties and privileges whatsoever within the same, which the inhabitants of other counties of this state do, may or ought to enjoy*

Boundaries  
of Adams  
county.

Jurisdiction  
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within their respective counties by the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. 1800.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Judges of the Supreme Court and the president of the second district, of which district the said county of Adams is hereby declared to be part as well as the associate judges in and for the county of Adams, shall have like powers, jurisdictions and authorities within the same, as are warranted to, and exercised by the said judges in other counties of this commonwealth; and that the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the Common Pleas, in and for the county of Adams, shall be opened and holden on the second Mondays in the months of March, June, September and December, at the town of Gettysburgh, in the said county. Of the Supreme Court, Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions. (Altered.)

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no action or suit now commenced, or that may be commenced in the county Courts of York before the second Monday of June next, against any person living or residing within the bounds of the county of Adams, shall be stayed, discontinued or affected by this act or any thing herein contained; but that the same may be prosecuted in the same manner as if this act had not been passed. Continuance of process.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Sheriff, Coroner and public officers of the county of York, shall continue to exercise the duties of their respective offices within the county of Adams, until similar officers shall be appointed agreeably to law, within the said county of Adams. Of the county officers.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Sheriff, Treasurer and all such officers as have heretofore usually given bail for the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, who may hereafter be elected or appointed in the county of Adams before they or either of them shall enter upon the execution of their respective offices, shall give sufficient security in the like sums, in the like manner and form and for the like uses, trusts and purposes, as such officers are obliged by law to do in the county of York. Of the sureties of county officers.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of the said county of Adams, who shall be elected at the next annual election, to take assurance to them and their successors in office, of a lot or lots of ground, for the purpose of erecting thereon a court-house, gaol, and offices for the safe keeping of the records: *Provided,* That the said lot or lots of ground shall be within the town of Gettysburgh, in the said county, for defraying the expenses thereof, the said Commissioners shall assess and levy in the manner directed by the act for raising county rates and levies, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars. Provision for public buildings.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all arrearages of taxes now due, and which have been assessed within the county of York prior to the passing of this act, shall be collected by the proper officers and paid into the treasury of the said county of York, in the same manner as if this act had not pass- Provision as to the arrearage of taxes.

1800. cd: And the said county of Adams shall form a part of the district composed of the county of York, for electing members of Congress and Senators of this commonwealth.

Provision as to the representation and election of officers of the county.  
[Supplied.]

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That until the next enumeration be taken, and the representation shall be fixed by law, the county of York as divided from the county of Adams herein and hereby erected, shall choose only four representatives to serve in the General Assembly; and that the county of Adams hereby erected, shall at the first general election to be holden for the said county on the second Tuesday of October next, choose two representatives to serve in General Assembly; 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 representatives 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.]

Provision for running the line between York and Adams counties.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint three commissioners, who, or any two of them, shall run and mark the dividing line between the said county of York and the county of Adams, in the same manner, as is before described in the first section of this act, which line, when so run and marked, shall be the boundary between the counties of York and Adams aforesaid; and that the said commissioners shall receive for their services at the rate of three dollars per day each, and no more, to be paid half by the county of York, and half by the county of Adams, by drafts from the commissioners of the respective counties on the treasurers of the same, which the said commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to grant.

Of the time of holding courts in Adams and Dauphin counties.  
[Supplied.]

[SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the first court to be holden in and for the county of Adams, shall be opened and held on the second Monday in June next, and from and after the first Monday in June next, the courts of Dauphin county, which by law are to be opened and holden on the second Mondays of March, June, September and December, shall be opened and held on the third Mondays of the said months.]

Trustees of the county of Adams,  
(Obsolete.)

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Rev. Alexander Dobbin and David Moore, senior, of the said county of Adams, be, and they are hereby appointed trustees for the said county of Adams, with full powers for them or the survivor of them, to take, as well all such assurances as have been offered and made to them, as trustees of the said county hereby erected, as those which may hereafter be offered by any person or persons for the payment of money, or the conveyance or transfer of any property in trust and for the use of erecting public buildings in the town of Gettysburgh, in the said county of Adams, and other county purposes, and to recover and enforce the same by any lawful ways and means in trust, and for the use aforesaid, and to account for the

same with the commissioners of the said county for the time being. (q) 1800.

Passed 22d January, 1800.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 79.

(q) By a supplement passed 15th March, 1800, (chap. 2129,) persons are appointed to purchase lots for the use of the county, in Gettysburgh, and erect the public buildings thereon, &c

Five election districts established in Adams county, by act of 31st January, 1801, (chap. 2153.)

Straban township annexed to the first district, by act of 4th April, 1809, (§ 1.)

Hamilton township erected into a separate district, by act of 1st April, 1811, (sect. 11.)

The powers of the trustees of Adams county transferred to the county commissioners. The trustees to render an account, and pay the commissioners all the monies remaining in their hands. The commissioners authorized to lay an additional tax to complete the public buildings; act of 26th March, 1804, (chap. 2468.)

By the last enumeration, the county of Adams contained two thousand seven hundred and forty-one taxables; and with the county of York, eight thousand three hundred and three taxables and by act of 21st March, 1808, apportioning the representation in pursuance thereof, the county of Adams sends two members to the House of Representatives; and in conjunction with York county, two members to the Senate.

By act of 24th February, 1806, (chap. 2634,) the counties of Adams, Franklin and Cumberland compose the ninth Judicial district. The courts in Adams county are held on the third Mondays in January, April, August and November; the term continues two weeks.

Adams county is annexed to the southern district of the Supreme Court.

## CHAPTER MMLXXXVII.

An ACT transferring the powers of the trustees of the county of Greene, to the commissioners of said county. [Chap. 1859, ante, page 262.]

SECT. 1. [THE power of the trustees of Greene county transferred to the county commissioners. 2. Accounts of the trustees to be settled, and money raised for completing the county buildings.]

Passed 28th January, 1800—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 83.

## CHAPTER MMXCII.

An ACT for erecting parts of the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntingdon, into a separate county.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the Legislature of this state, by the inhabitants of those parts of the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntingdon, included within the lines hereafter mentioned, that they labour under great hardships, by reason of their great distance from the present seats of justice, and the public offices for the said counties: For remedy whereof,

SECT. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all and singular the lands lying within the bounds and limits herein after described, shall be, and are hereby erected into a separate

Boundaries of Centre county established.