

within this commonwealth, shall have, use and exercise, within their respective counties, all and every the powers, which in the said recited act were vested, and by this act are revived in the justices of the supreme court, and shall, in all respects, proceed in a like manner touching the same, excepting, only, that the advertisements of notice in any such proceeding before any of the said courts of common pleas, shall be in such public newspaper as may be published nearest to the court house of such county, as well as in some of the public newspapers of the city of Philadelphia, and that the costs in such proceedings shall be taxed by the said court, or one of the judges thereof, agreeably to the rate of fees allowed for similar services in the same court, or as nearly so as circumstances will admit.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the records and proceedings made and had in the court of common pleas aforesaid, or a copy thereof, authenticated under the hand of the prothonotary and the seal of the court, may and shall, at all times thereafter, be read upon any trial or controversy respecting the lands, tenements, hereditaments or possessions described or mentioned in such bill or petition, and shall be taken and allowed as good and sufficient evidence of the facts so decreed and established, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed January 19, 1793. Recorded L. B. No. 5, p. 26. etc.

CHAPTER MDCLI.

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PLACE OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL ELECTION IN THE FIFTH ELECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) 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, from and after the passing of this act, the freemen of the fifth district in the county of Bedford, shall meet and hold their annual election at the house now occupied by John Shoff, in Milford township, in the county aforesaid, any former law to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Passed January 24, 1793. Recorded L. B. No. 5, p. 28.

CHAPTER MDCLII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO SECURE THE PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE BUILDING AND FITTING SHIPS AND VESSELS FOR SEA, BY MAKING THE BODY, TACKLE, APPAREL AND FURNITURE OF SUCH SHIPS AND VESSELS, LIABLE TO PAY THE SEVERAL TRADESMEN EMPLOYED IN BUILDING AND FITTING THEM, FOR THEIR WORK AND MATERIALS."

Whereas in and by an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, passed the twenty-seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An act to secure the persons employed in the building and fitting ships and vessels for sea, by making the body, tackle, apparel and furniture of such ships and vessels, liable to pay the several tradesmen employed in building and fitting them, for their work and materials,"¹ a sufficient and ample remedy was provided for such tradesmen in the court of admiralty of this commonwealth, and experience has proved the necessity of such remedy; and whereas the court of admiralty of this commonwealth no longer exists, and the said act cannot now be carried into effect in any of the courts of this state, or of the United States:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 the libel authorized

¹Chapter 1038.

²See Ante.