

## CHAPTER MDCCCXXXIV.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING PART OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND  
INTO A SEPARATE COUNTY.

Whereas a great number of the inhabitants of that part of the county of Northumberland lying northwest of the Muncy hills have, by their petition, set forth to the legislature that they labor under great inconvenience, by reason of their great distance from the seat of justice, and it is just and reasonable that they should be relieved in the premises:

[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 all that part of Northumberland county lying northwestward of a line drawn from the Mifflin county line, on the summit of Nittany mountain; thence running along the top or highest ridge of the said mountain, to where the White Deer Hole creek runs through the same; and from thence, by a direct line crossing the west branch of Susquehanna, at the mouth of Black Hole creek, to the end of Muncy hills; thence along the top of Muncy hills and the Bald mountain, to the Luzerne county line; shall be, and the same is hereby, erected into a separate county to be henceforth called and known by the name of Lycoming county.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) , And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of the said county of Lycoming shall, at all times hereafter, enjoy all and singular the jurisdiction, powers, rights, liberties and privileges whatsoever within the same, which the inhabitants of other counties of this state do, may or ought to enjoy, within their respective counties, by the constitution and laws of this commonwealth.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the judges of the supreme court, and the president of the third district, of which district the said county of Lycoming is hereby declared to be part as

well as the associate judges which shall be commissioned in and for the said county of Lycoming, 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 Lycoming, shall be opened and holden on the Monday next succeeding the general county courts held in the county of Northumberland in each year, at the court house in the said county.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) 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 Northumberland, before the first day of November next, against any person living or residing within the bounds of the county of Lycoming, shall be stayed, discontinued or affected by this act, or anything herein contained, but that the same may be prosecuted to the final issue, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

[Section V.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of the said county of Lycoming shall, under the same rules, laws and regulations as the other counties of this commonwealth, elect such officers, as they, by law and the constitution, are entitled to.

[Section VI.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sheriff, treasurers, 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 Lycoming, 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, for the time being, to do in the county of Northumberland.

[Section VII.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor be authorized, and he is hereby required, to appoint five commissioners, which commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at the town of Northumberland, on the first Monday of September next, and

proceed to view and determine upon the most eligible and proper situation for erecting the public buildings for the said county, and make their report into the office of the secretary of this commonwealth, on or before the first day of October next, which report so made shall be final, and shall fix and determine the spot for the seat of justice in and for the said county; for which service each of the said commissioners shall have and receive three dollars per diem for every day they shall be employed in the said service, to be paid by warrants drawn by the county commissioners on the treasurer of Northumberland county.

[Section VIII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of taxes of the said county, which shall be elected at the next annual election, to take assurance to them, and their successors in office, of such lot or piece of ground as shall have been approved of by the commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid, or a majority of them, for the purpose of erecting thereon a court house, gaol and offices for safe keeping of the records; and that for defraying the expenses thereof, the county commissioners shall assess and levy, in the manner directed by the acts for raising county rates and levies, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars.

[Section IX.] (Section IX, P. L.) 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 Northumberland prior to the passing of this act, shall be collected by the proper officers, and paid into the treasury of the said county of Northumberland, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed; and that the said county of Lycoming shall form a part of the district composed of Northumberland and Dauphin counties, for electing members of congress, and shall form part of the district of Mifflin, Northumberland and Luzerne counties, for electing senators of this commonwealth.

[Section X.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inhabitants of the county of Northumberland and the county of Lycoming shall jointly elect three representatives (to serve in the house of representatives

of this state) in the same manner, under the same regulations, and make return thereof in like manner, as is directed by the existing laws of this state for conducting and making return of the election of Northumberland, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Section XI.] (Section XI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners of the county of Lycoming, elected in pursuance of the directions of this act, shall be authorized, and they are hereby authorized, required and directed to take a faithful and accurate account of all the taxable inhabitants in the said county of Lycoming, and make return thereof, under their hands and seals, to the legislature of this commonwealth, on or before the first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

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## CHAPTER MDCCCXXXV.

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### AN ACT TO REIMBURSE THE GUARDIANS OF CERTAIN ORPHAN CHILDREN THE MONEYS ADVANCED BY THEM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE SAID CHILDREN.

Whereas Matthew Clarkson, Eliston Perot, Israel Israel, Caleb Lownes, James Ker, John Letchworth and James Sharswood, were, by an act passed the twenty-second day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, entitled, "An act making provision for the support of certain orphan children," appointed guardians of the said children:

And whereas it appears to the legislature that said guardians have expended one hundred and forty dollars and eighty-nine cents, in the necessary support of the said children, beyond the sum by the said act granted for that purpose:

[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