Democratic Watchman

TERMS—$2 per year when paid in advance, $2,50 when not paid in advance, and $3,00 when not paid before the expiration of the year.

DEMOCRATIC MEETINGS.

Meetings of the Democracy will be held at the following times and places. Let every voter turn out.

Stormstown, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 24th.
Pine Grove, Saturday evening, Sept. 24th.
Boalsburg, Monday evening, Sept. 26th.
Fleisher's School House, Tuesday eve. Sept 27
Madisonburg, Wednesday evening, Sept. 28th.
Woodward, Thursday evening, Sept. 29th.
Union Church, Friday evening, Sept. 30th.
Millheim, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 1st.
Centre Hall, Saturday evening, Oct. 1st.

Milesburg, Thursday evening, Sept. 22d.
Jacksonville, Friday evening, Sept. 23d.
Hublersburg, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 24th.
Howard, Monday evening, Sept. 26th.
Eagleville, Wednesday evening, Sept. 28th.

Eminent speakers will be present to address the people. By order of

W. F. REYNOLDS,
Chairman Dem. County Committee.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN & COUNTY

The Circus on Monday last was well attended. It was the best that has exhibited in this place, this season.

The draft in this district did not come off as stated last week. Provost Marshal Blair says, that he has as yet received no orders to go on with it.

The place of holding the election in Worth twp., has been changed from Port Matilda, to School house No. 2, about 1 mile North of Port Matilda.

We hope the Democratic township meetings advertised in the WATCHMAN will be well attended. Speakers *will be* present at all of them. Let the people turn out.

The house of Jesse Morgan, on the pike between this place and Milesburg was entered on Saturday night last, by a thief, and robbed of quite an amount of clothing, linen, &c.

ASTHMA OR PHTHISIC.—A spasmodic affection of the Bronchial Tubes, which are covered with a dry, tenacious phlegm,—"*Brown's Bronchial Troches*" will in some cases give immediate relief.

A McClellan and Pendleton pole will be raised, this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, opposite Reynolds' new building on Allegheny St. We hope the Democracy of the borough and vicinity will turn out *en masse*

REMOVAL.—Messrs. Stone & Myers have removed their Farming Implement store to their new stand, on Bishop Street, near Neff & Ettles liquor store. We are glad to see that this branch of business has assumed such an extensive scale in this community, and cannot attribute it to any thing else but the skill and dexterity of these gentlemen in selecting machinery and implements calculated to give satisfaction, which is the result of fifteen years experience.

The heavy tax imposed on tobacco has seriously interfered with the trade in that article. In New York the number of cigars manufactured daily before the tax was imposed was over a million. Some two thousand journeymen were employed in making these, and their salaries ranged from $15 to $25 per week Now a large number of journeymen are out of employment, and they will have probably to follow other pursuits The most remarkable result of the tax is that it has led nearly one half the smokers to abandon the use of cigars. It is estimated that there are five hundred thousand of the former consumers of the "weed" abstaining from it. Under the new rates, cigars that on the 30th of June were sold for $45 per thousand, cannot now be furnished for less than $80 or $90 per thousand.

THE FIRST GUN OF THE CAMPAIGN.—Bromley & Co., of New York, have issued a copy of the "Letters of Major Jack Downing," neatly printed in book form. The first thing that strikes our eye is a life-like portrait of the Major himself, and the work is illustrated with seven other pictures, depicting scenes which the Major so graphically describes with his pen. The artist has done justice to his subject, not less so than the Major has in describing his various interviews with "Linkin and its Cabynet" The important feature of the Major's style is his plain and direct way of explaining political questions. He has an appropriate story to illustrate every position he assumes, and is even better at this business than Lincoln himself. We know of no work better calculated to have a good effect, during the campaign than these Letters of the Major. Combining instruction with humor, and exposing by the keenest satire the crimes and follies of the present Administration, it is just the book calculated to open the eyes of the public. We commend it with confidence to our readers. Of course all the Major's old friends will insist upon having his "Letters" in a permanent form, in order to refresh their memories, while to those who have not had the privilege of perusing them as they appeared in *The N. Y. Day-Book*, we can conceive of no richer treat than the present volume. The price is $1,25 in cloth, and $1 00 in paper. Address Bromley & Co., box 4,265 New York Post Office, or J. F. Feeks, No. 26, Ann St., New York.

WHO WILL SUPPORT LINCOLN.—Army contractors who are filling their pockets at the expense of the people. Post Masters, Provost Marshals and their deputies. Collectors, assessors, and the host of clerks in their employ. Cotton speculators and plantation leasers. Men of all classes and grades who are pulling at the public teat and receiving life therefrom. Men in brief power, who are exercising authority over better men. Shoddyites and army speculators.—Men who hope by their conspicuous and blatant mouthings to gain a front seat and thereby get a grab at the people's money.—Loafers, sore heads and weak kneed politicians, who would sell their souls for a mess of pottage. In fact all but sensible country loving, constitution adoring men.—*Holmes County Farmer.*

The Bellefonte Market.

White Wheat,	per bushel,	$ 225
Red, do.	do.	2,20
Rye,	do.	1,50
Corn Shell	do.	1,40
Oats,	do.	75
Barley,	do.	1,40
Buckwheat,	do.	75
Clove Seed,	do.	1465
Potatoes,	do.	62
Lard,	per pound,	20
Bacon,	do.	25
Tallow,	do.	15
Butter,	do.	40
Eggs,	per dozen	20
Plaster, ground,	per ton,	17,00

SPECIAL NOTICE

EYE AND EAR.—Prof. J. Isaacs, M. D., Oculist and Aurist, formerly of Leyden, Holland, is located at No. 511 Pine St., *Philadelphia*, where persons afflicted with diseases of the *Eye* or *Ear* will be scientifically treated and cured if curable. *Artificial Eyes* inserted without pain. No charges made for examination. The Medical faculty is invited, as he has no secrets in his mode of treatment.

July 1, '64–1y.

DO YOU WISH TO BE CURED.

Dr. Buchan's English Specific Pills cure, in less than 30 days, the worst cases of Nervousness, Impotency, Premature Decay, Seminal Weakness, Insanity, and all Urinary, Sexual and Nervous Affections, no matter from what cause produced. Price, One Dollar per box. Sent, post-paid, by mail, on receipt of an order. One Box will perfect the cure in most cases. Address

JAS. S. BUTLER,
General Agent, 427 Broadway, New York.
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ED. DEM. WATCHMAN—Dear Sir:—With your permission I wish to say to the readers of your paper that I will send, by return mail, to all who wish it, free, a recipe, with full directions for making and using a simple vegetable balm, that will effectually remove, in ten days, Pimples, Blotches, Tan, Freckles, and all impurities of the skin, leaving the same soft, clear, smooth and beautiful.

I will also mail free to those having Bald Heads, or Bare Faces, simple direction and information that will enable them to start a full growth of Luxuriant Hair, Whiskers, or Moustache, in less than 30 days.

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Respectfully yours,
THOS. F. CHAPMAN, Chemist,
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Swallow to or three hogsheads of "Buchu," "Tonic Bitters," "Sarsaparilla," "Nervous Antidotes," &c., &c., &c., and after you are satisfied with the result, then try one box of Old Doctor Buchan's English Specific Pills—and be restored to health and vigor in less than thirty days. They are purely vegetable, pleasant to take, prompt and salutary in their effects on the broken-down and shattered constitution. Old and young can take them with advantage. Imported and sold in the United States only by

JAS. S. BUTLER,
No. 427 Broadway, New York,
Agent for the United States.

P. S.—A box of Pills, securely packed, will be mailed to any address on receipt of price, which is One Dollar, post paid—money refunded by the Agent if entire satisfaction is not given. aug5-3m

NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county in the matter of the estate of Joseph Bechtol.

The undersigned an Auditor appointed by said Court to distribute the money in the hands of Richard Conley, Esq., High Sheriff of Centre county, arising from the sale of the real estate of Joseph Bechtol to and among those legally entitled to the same, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in Bellefonte on Thursday the 6th day of October, A. D. 1864, at 2 o'clock P. M., when and where all persons interested may attend if they see proper.

A. O. FURST,
Sep. 16, '64. Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Centre county in the matter of the estate of George Coble, dec'd.

The undersigned an Auditor appointed by said Court to make distribution of the money in the hands of Joseph Baker and John Dale, Executors of said decedent, to and among those legally entitled to the same will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office on Wednesday the 5th day of October, A. D. 1864, at 11 o'clock., A M., of said day when and where all persons interested may attend if they see proper.

A. O. FURST,
Sep. 16, 64. Auditor.

AUDITORS NOTICE.

The undersigned an Auditor, appointed by the orphans Court of Centre county to make distribution of the balance remaining in the hands of Henry Teats administrator of the Estate of Henry Markle deceased, will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in Bellefonte on Saturday September the 24th, '64, at 2 o'clock P. M. when and where all persons interested may attend if they see proper.

EVAN BLANCHARD,
September 2nd, 1864—4t. Auditor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of Thomas B. Lucas, dec'd, late of Snow Shoe township, having been granted to the undersigned, he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them, duly authenticated for settlement.

sep16 6t THOS. HOLT, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of Elizabeth Fisher, dec'd, late of Potter township, having been granted to the undersigned he requests all persons knowing themselves in debted to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them, duly authenticated for settlement. sept16, H. R. SMITH, Admin.

EXECUTORS NOTICE.

Letters testamentary on the estate of John Vidhefer, late of Burnside township, deceased having been granted to the subscriber he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

aug-26-6t BARNHART VIDHEFER.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of Wm. Runkle, dec'd, late of the borough of Milesburg, having been granted to the undersigned, he requests all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them, duly authenticated, for settlement

sept9 DAN'L RUNKLE, Administrator.

GENERAL ELECTION PROCLAMATIONS

Pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act relating to the elections of this Commonwealth, approved the second day of July, Anno Do. ih one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, I RICHARD CONLEY, High Sheriff of the c. w of Centre, Pennsylvania, do hereby make known and give notice to the electors of the county aforesaid, that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in said county, of Centre, Pennsylvania, on the

SECOND TUESDAY, 11th OCTOBER 1864,

at which time County and District officers will be elected, to wit:

One Person for Congress. Two Persons for State Senate. One person for Assembly. One person for Commissioner. One person for Auditor.

I ALSO HEREBY MAKE KNOWN AND GIVE NOTICE that the places of holding the aforesaid special election in the several wards, boroughs, districts and townships within the county of Centre, are as follows, to wit:

For the borough of Bellefonte and Spring and Benner townships at the Court House in Bellefonte.

For the township of Burnside at the house of John Boas.

For the township of Curtin at the school house of Robert Mann.

For the township of Ferguson at the school house in Pine Grove.

For the township of Gregg at the public house of Wm. Musser.

For the township of Harris at the school house in Boalsburg.

For the township of Haine at the public house of John Russell, in Aaronsburg.

For the township of Half Moon at the school house in Walkerville.

For the Borough of Howardville and Howard township, at the house of Mrs. Eliza Tipton.

For the township of Huston the former place of holding election.

For the township of Liberty at the school house in Eagleville.

For the township of Miles at the school house in the town of Rebersburg.

For the township of Marion at the school house in Jacksonville.

For the borough of Milesburg and Boggs township, at the school house in Milesburg.

For the township of Potter at the public house of George Miller at Potter's Fort.

For the township of Patton at the house of Peter Murray.

For the township of Penn at the public house of Wm. L. Musser.

For the township of Rush at the school house in Phillipsburg.

For the township of Snowshoe at the school house near the house of Samuel Askey.

For the township of Taylor at the school house near Hannah Furnace.

For the Borough of Unionville and Union township at the school house in Unionville.

For the township of Walker at the school house in Hublersburg.

For the township of Worth at the school house in Port Matilda.

I also make known and give notice, as, in and by the 13th section of the aforesaid act, I am directed "that every person excepting Justices of the Peace, who shall hold any office or appointment of profit or trust under the government of the United States, or of this State, or any city or incorporated district, whether commissioned or otherwise, a subordinate officer or agent who is or shall be employed under the Legislative, Judiciary, or Executive departments of this State or United States, or any incorporated district, and also that every member of Congress, and the State Legislature, and the select or Common Council of any city, Commissioners of any incorporated district, are by law incapable of holding or exercising at the same time, the office or appointment of Judge, Inspector, or Clerk of any election of the Commonwealth; and that no Inspector or, Judge or other officer of such election, shall be eligible to any office to be voted for.

Also, that in the fourth section of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to executions, and for other purposes," approved April 19, 1840, it is enacted that the aforesaid section "shall not be construed so as to prevent him serving as judge, Inspector or Clerk at any General or Special election in this commonwealth.

Also, that in the 61st section of said Act it is enacted that "every General and Special election, shall be opened between the hours of eight and ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shall continue voting without any interruption or adjournment, until seven o'clock in the evening, when the polls shall be closed.

No person shall be permitted to vote at any election as aforesaid, but a white freeman of the age of twenty-one years or more, who shall have resided in this State at least one year, and in the election district where he offers to vote at least ten days immediately preceding such election, and within two years paid a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least ten days before the election. But a citizen of the United States, who has previously been a qualified voter of this State, and removed therefrom, and returned, and who shall have resided in the election district, and paid taxes as aforesaid, shall be entitled to vote after residing in this State six months. Provided, That the white freemen, citizens of the United States, between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-two years, and have resided in the election district ten days as aforesaid, shall be entitled to vote, although they shall have not paid taxes.

No person shall be permitted to vote whose name is not contained in the list of taxable inhabitants, furnished by the Commissioners, unless first he produces a receipt for the payment within two years of the State or county tax, assessed agreeably to the Constitution, and give satisfactory evidence, either on his own oath or affirmation, or that of another, that he has paid such a tax, or on failure to produce a receipt, shall make oath of the payment thereof, or, second, if he claim a right to vote by being an elector between the age of twenty-one and twenty-two years, he shall depose on oath or affirmation that he has resided in the State at least one year before his application, and make such proof of his residence in the district as is required by this Act, whereupon the name of the person admitted to vote shall be inserted in the alphabetical list by the inspectors, and a note made opposite thereto by writing the word "Tax," if he shall be permitted to vote by reason of having paid tax; or the word "Age," if he shall be called out to the clerks, who shall make like notes in the list of voters kept by them.

In all cases where the name of a person claiming to vote as found on the list furnished by the Commissioners and Assessor; or his right to vote whether found thereon or not, is objected to by any qualified citizen, it shall be the duty of the inspectors to examine such person on oath as to his qualifications, and if he claims to have resided within the State for one year or more, his oath shall not be sufficient proof, but shall make proof thereof by at least one competent witness who shall be a qualified elector, that he has resided within the district, for more than ten days next preceding said election, and shall also himself swear that his *bona fide* residence, in pursuance of his lawful calling, is within the district, and that he did not move into said district for the purpose of voting therein.

Every person qualified as aforesaid, and who shall make due proof, as required of his residence and payment of taxes as aforesaid, shall be admitted to vote in the township, ward or district in which he shall reside.

If any person shall prevent, or attempt to prevent, any officer of any election under this act from holding such elections, or use or threaten any violence to any such officer, or shall interrupt or improperly interfere with him in the execution of his duty, or shall block up the window, or avenue to any window, where the same be holding, or shall riotously disturb the peace of such election, or shall use or practice any intimidating threats, force or violence, with design to influence unduly, or overawe, any elector, or to prevent him from voting, or to restrain the freedom of choice, such persons on conviction, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, be imprisoned for any time not less than one month, nor more than one year, and if it shall be shown to the court where the trial of such offence shall be had, that the person so offending was not a resident of the city, ward, district, or township, where the said offence was committed, and not entitled to vote therein, then on conviction, he shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars, and imprisoned not less than six months, nor more than two years.

Pursuant to the provisions contained in the 4th section of the Act first aforesaid, the Judges of the aforesaid districts shall respectively take charge of the certificate of return of the election of their respective districts, and produce them at a meeting of one Judge from each district, at the Court House in the borough of Bellefonte, on the third day (Friday) after the 11th day of October next, then and there to perform the duties required by law of said Judges. Also, that where a Judge, by sickness or unavoidable accident, is unable to attend said meeting of Judges then the certificate or return aforesaid shall be taken charge of by one of the Inspectors or Clerks of the election of said district, who shall do and perform the duties of said Judge unable to attend.

AN ACT TO REGULATE ELECTIONS BY SOLDIERS IN ACTUAL MILITARY SERVICE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That whenever any of the qualified electors of this commonwealth shall be in any actual military service, under a requisition from the President of the United States, or by the authority of this commonwealth, and as such, absent from their place of residence, on the days appointed by law for holding the general or presidential elections within this State, or on the days for holding special elections, to fill vacancies, such electors shall be entitled, at such times, to exercise the right of suffrage, as fully as if they were present at their usual places of elections, in the manner hereinafter prescribed; and whether, at the time of voting, such electors shall be within the limits of this state, or not; and the right of voting shall not be affected in any manner, by the fact of the voter having been credited to any other locality than the place of his actual residence, by reason of the payment to him of local bounty by such other locality.

SEC. 2. A poll shall be opened in each company, composed, in whole or in part, of Pennsylvania soldiers, at the quarters of the captain, or other officer thereof, and all electors, belonging to such company, who shall be within one mile of such quarters, on the day of election, and not prevented by orders of their commanders, or proximity of the enemy, from returning to their company quarters, shall vote at such poll, and at no other place; officers; other than those of a company, and other voters, detached and absent from their companies, or in any military or naval hospital, or in any vessel, or navy yard, may vote at such other polls as may be convenient for them; and when there shall be ten, or more, voters, at any place, who shall be unable to attend any company poll, or their proper place of election, as aforesaid, the electors present may open a poll, at such place as they may select, and certify in the poll-book, which shall be a record of the proceedings at said election, substantially, in manner and form, as hereinafter directed.

SEC. 3. The polls shall be opened as early as practicable on said day, and remain open at least three hours, and, if necessary, in the opinion of the judges of election, in order to receive the votes of all the electors, they may keep the polls open until seven o'clock in the afternoon of said day; proclamation thereof shall be made at, or before, the opening of the polls, and one hour before closing them.

SEC. 4. Before opening the poll, on the day of election, the electors present, at each of the places aforesaid, shall elect, *viva voce*, three persons, present at the time, and having the qualifications of electors; for the judges of said election, and the judges so elected, shall then appoint two of the persons present, who shall be qualified, to act as clerks of said election; and the judges shall prepare boxes, or other receptacles, for the ballots.

SEC. 5. Before any votes shall be received, said judges and clerks shall each take an oath, or affirmation, that he will perform the duties of judge or clerk, as the case may be, of said election, according to law, and to the best of his abilities, and that he will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit or abuse, in conducting the same, which oath, or affirmation, any of the said judges, or clerks, so elected, or appointed, may administer to each other; and the same shall be in writing, or partly written and partly printed, and signed by said judges and clerks, and certified to by the party administering the same, and attached to, or entered upon, the poll book, and there signed and certified, as aforesaid.

SEC. 6. All elections shall be by ballot, and the judges of elections may, and upon challenge of any voter, shall examine, under oath, or affirmation, the applicant to vote, (which oath, or affirmation, any of said judges may administer,) in respect to his right to vote, and his qualifications to vote in the particular ward, precinct, city, borough, township, or county of this state, in which he claims residence; and before receiving any vote, the judges, or a majority of them, shall be satisfied, that such applicant is a qualified voter of such place.

SEC 7. Separate poll-books shall be kept, and separate returns made, for the voters of each city, or county; the poll-books shall name the company and regiment, and the place, post, or hospital, in which such election is held; the county and township, city, borough, ward, precinct, or election district of each voter shall be endorsed opposite his name on the poll-books each clerk shall keep one of said poll-books, so that there may be a double list of voters.

SEC. 8 Each ticket shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon, the names of all the officers which may properly be voted for, at said election, for which the said elector desires to vote.

SEC. 9. That the judges, to whom any ticket shall be delivered, shall, upon the receipt thereof, pronounce with an audible voice the name of the elector, and if no objection is made to him, and the judges are satisfied that said elector is a citizen of the United States, and legally entitled, according to the constitution and laws of this State, to vote at said election, shall immediately put said ticket in the box, or other receptacle therefor, without inspecting the names of persons voted for; and the clerks shall enter the name of the elector on the poll-book of his county, ward, precinct, city, borough or township, and county of his residence, substantially, in pursuance of the form hereinafter given.

SEC. 10. At the close of the polls, the number of voters shall be counted and set down at the list of voters, and certified and signed by the judges, and attested by the clerks.

SEC. 11. After the poll-books are signed, the ballot box shall be opened, and the tickets, therein contained, shall be taken out, one at a time, by one of the judges, who shall read distinctly, while the ticket remains in his hand, the name, or names, therein contained, for the several officers voted for, and then deliver it to the second judge, who shall examine the same, and pass it to, the third judge, who shall string the vote for each county upon a separate thread, and carefully preserve the same; the same method shall be pursued, as to each ticket taken out, until all the votes are counted.

SEC. 12. Whenever two or more tickets shall be found decentfully folded, or rolled together, neither of such tickets shall be counted; and if a ticket shall contain more than the proper number of names, for the same office, it shall be considered fraudulent, as to all the names designated for that office, but no further.

SEC. 13. As a check in counting, each clerk shall keep a tally list for each county from which votes shall have been received, which tally list shall constitute a part of the poll book.

SEC. 14. After the examination of the tickets shall be completed, the number of votes for each person, in the county poll books as aforesaid, shall be enumerated, under the inspection of the judges, and set down as hereinafter provided, in the form of the poll-book.

SEC. 15. The following shall substantially be the form of the poll-books, to be kept by the judges and clerks of the election, filling in the blanks carefully:

Poll book of the election held on the second Tuesday of October, one thousand eight hundred and , (or other election day, as the case may be,) by the qualified electors of county, (or city,) state of Pennsylvania, in company , of the regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers, (or as they case may be,) held at (naming the place, post, or hospital,) A B, C D and E F, being duly elected as judges of said election, and J K and L M, being duly appointed as clerks of said election, were severally sworn, or affirmed, as per certificates herewith returned.

Number and names of the electors voting, and their county, city, borough, township, ward, or precinct, of residence:

No. 1, A B, county of , township of
No. 2, C D, county of , township of

It is hereby certified that the number of electors county, Pennsylvania, voting at this election amounts to

A B,
C D,
E F,
Attest, Judges of Election.
J K,
L M, Clerks.

Form of certificate of oath of judges and clerks:

We, A B, C D and E F, judges of this election, and J K and L M, clerks thereof, do each severally swear, (or affirm,) that we will duly perform the duties of judges and clerks of said election, severally acting as above set forth, according to law, and to the best of our abilities, and that we will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit, or abuse, in conducting the same.

A B,
C D,
E F,
J K, Judges.
L M, Clerks.

I hereby certify that C D, E F, judges, and J K and L M, clerks, were, before proceeding to take any votes at said election, first duly sworn, day of , Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and

A B, Judge of election.

I certify that A B, judge aforesaid, was also so sworn, or affirmed, by me. Witness my hand the date before written.

J K, Clerk of election.

SEC. 16. A return, in writing, shall be made in each poll-book, setting forth in words, at length, the whole number of ballots cast for each office, (except ballots rejected,) the name of each person voted for, and the number of votes given to each person, for each different office; which return shall be certified as correct, signed by the judges and attested by the clerks. Such return shall be substantially as follows:

At an election held by the electors of company , of the regiment of Pennsylvania soldiers, (naming the place where the election is held) there were (naming the number in words at length) votes cast for the office of governor, of which A B had votes, C D had votes; for senator, votes were cast; of which E F had votes, G H had votes, L M had votes; and in the same manner, as to any other offices voted for.

At the end of the return, the judges shall certify, in substance, as follows, giving, if officers, their rank and number of their regiment and or affirmed, as aforesaid: Witness my hand this company, viz:

A true return of the election, held as afore said, on the day of Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and

A B, Captain company A, one hundred and thirty-first regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers.
C D, company H, one hundred and thirty-first regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers.
E F, company A, one hundred and thirty-first regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers.

Attest, Judge of election.
L M, Clerks.

SEC. 17. After canvassing the votes, in manner aforesaid, the judges shall put, in an envelope, one of the poll-books; with its tally list, and return to each city, or county, together with the tickets, and transmit the same, properly sealed up, and directed, through the nearest post office or by express, as soon as possible thereafter, to prothonotary of the court of common pleas of the city, or county, in which such electors would have voted, if not in the military service aforesaid, (being the city or county for which the poll book was kept,) and the other poll-book of said city, or county, enclosed in an envelope, and properly directed, shall be delivered to one of the commissioners, hereinafter provided for, if such commissioner calls for the same in ten days, and if not so called for, the same shall be transmitted by mail, or by express, as soon as possible thereafter, to the secretary of the commonwealth who shall carefully preserve the same, and on demand of the proper prothonotary, deliver to said prothonotary, deliver to said prothonotary, under his hand and official seal, a certified copy of the return of votes, so transmitted to, and received by him, for said city, or county, of which the demandant is prothonotary.

SEC. 19. The return judges, of the several counties, shall adjourn to meet at the places, now directed by law, on the third Friday, after any general or presidential election, for the purpose of counting the soldiers' vote; and when two or more counties are connected in the election, the meeting of the judges, for each county, shall be postponed, in such case, until the Friday following.

SEC. 20. The return judges, so met, shall include, in their enumeration, the voters so returned, and thereupon shall proceed, in all respects, in the like manner as is provided by law, in cases where all the votes shall have been given at the usual place of election. *Provided*, That the several courts of this commonwealth shall have the same power and authority to investigate and determine, all questions of fraud or illegality in relation to the voting of the soldiers, as are now vested in said courts, with regard to questions of fraud and illegality, arising from the voting of persons, not in military service, under the present laws relating thereto.

SEC. 21. In elections for electors of president and vice president of the United States, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the commonwealth, to lay before the governor all the returns received by him, from any election, as aforesaid, who shall compare the same with the county returns, and add thereto all such returns as shall appear, on such comparison, not to be contained in said county returns, in every case, where such military returns, for such counties, shall have been received by said secretary, at a period too late for transmitting them to the proper prothonotary, in time for the action of the judges of the said counties.

SEC. 22. All said elections shall be subject to contest, in the same manner as is now provided by law; and in all cases of contested elections, all legal returns, which shall have been *bona fide* forwarded by said judges, in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, shall be counted and estimated, although the same may not have arrived, or been received by the proper officers, to be counted and estimated, in the manner hereinbefore directed, before issuing the certificates of election to the persons appearing to have a majority of the votes then received, and the said returns shall be subject to all such objections, as other returns are liable to, when received in due time.

SEC. 23. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the Commonwealth to cause to be printed a sufficient number of copies of this act, with such extracts from the general election law, as shall be deemed important to accompany the same, and blank forms of poll-books, with tally lists and returns, as prescribed in this act, which, with the necessary postage stamps, to defray expenses and postage on returns, shall, in sufficient time, before any such election, be forwarded, by said secretary, at the expense of the Commonwealth, by Commissioners, or otherwise, as shall be deemed most certain to insure delivery thereof, to the captain, or commanding officer, of each company, or in case of detatched voters, to the officer having charge of the post, or hospital who shall retain the same until the day of election, and then deliver the same to the judges elected, as provided in this act. *Provided*, That no election shall be invalidated, by reason of the neglect, or failure, of the said secretary to cause the delivery of said poll-books to the proper persons, as aforesaid.

SEC. 24. That for the purpose of more effectually carrying out the provisions of this act, the governor shall have power to appoint and commission, under the great seal of the commonwealth, such number of commissioners having the qualifications of an elector, in this state, as he shall deem necessary, not exceeding one to each regiment of Pennsylvania soldiers, in the service of this state, or of the United States, and shall apportion the work among the commissioners, and supply such vacancies as may occur in their number. Such commissioners, before they act, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, and cause the same to be filed with the secretary of the Commonwealth, to the following:

"I———appointed commissioner, under the act to regulate elections by soldiers in actual military service, do solemnly swear, (or affirm,) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and impartially, fully and without reference to political preferences, or results, perform, to the best of my knowledge and ability, the duties imposed on me by the said act; and that I will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit and abuse, not only, in the elections to be held, under the same, but in the returns thereof." And if any commissioner, appointed by, or under, this act, shall knowingly violate his duty, or knowingly omit, or fail, to do his duty, under this act, or violate any part of his oath, or affirmation, he shall be liable to an indictment for perjury; in the proper county, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine, not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment in the penitentiary, at labor not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 25. It shall be the duty of such commissioners to deliver, as practicable, at least four of the copies of this act, and other extracts of laws, published as hereinbefore directed, and at least two blank forms of poll books, tally lists and returns, entrusted to them, as mentioned in the twenty-third section of this act, to the commanding officers of every company, or part of company, of Pennsylvania soldiers, in the actual military, or naval service of the United States, or of this state, and to make suitable arrangements and provision for the opening of polls, under this act; it shall also be the duty of said commissioners, as soon as practicable, after the day of election to call upon the judges of the election, and procure one poll book, containing the returns of the election, and safely to preserve the same, not only from loss, but from alteration and deliver the same, without delay, to the secretary of the commonwealth.

SEC. 25. Said commissioners shall receive in full compensation for their services under this act, ten cents per mile, in going to and returning from their respective regiments, estimating the distance of traveled route, and it is hereby made the duty of the auditor general and state treasurer to audit and pay the accounts therefor in the same manner as other claims are now audited and paid by law; all commanding and other officers are requested to aid the commissioners, herein appointed, and to give them all proper facilities, to enable them to carry out the design and intention of this act.

SEC. 27. No mere informality in the manner of carrying out, or executing, any of the provisions of this act, shall invalidate any election held under the same, or authorize the return thereof, to be rejected or set aside, nor shall any failure, on the part of the commissioners, to reach or visit any regiment or company; or part of company, or the failure of any company to vote, invalidate any election which may be held under this act.

SEC. 28. The several officers, authorized to conduct such election, shall have the like powers, and they, as well as other persons, who may attend, vote or offer to vote, at such election, shall be subject to the like penalties and restrictions as are declared and provided in the case of the usual election; and all of the provisions of the general election laws of this state, so far as applicable, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, nor supplied thereby, shall apply to all elections held under this act.

SEC. 29. No compensation shall be allowed to any judge or clerk, under this act.

SEC. 30. When the sheriff of any city or county shall issue his proclamation for an election, for a presidential, congressional, district, city, county or State election, under the laws of this state, he shall transmit, immediately, copies thereof, to the field officers and senior captains in the service, aforesaid from said city or county.

SEC. 31. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the general revenue, to be paid upon the order of the secretary of the commonwealth, to carry this law into effect.

SEC. 32 When any of the electors mentioned in the first section of this act, less than ten in number, shall be members of companies of another state or territory, or, for any sufficient and legal cause, shall be separated from their proper company, or shall be in any hospital, navy yard, vessel, or on recruiting, provost, or other duty, whether within or without this State, under such circumstances as shall render it probable that he, or they, will be unable to join their proper company, or to be present at his proper place of election, on or before the day of elections, therein mentioned, said elector, or electors, shall have a right to vote in the following manner.

SEC. 33. The voter aforesaid, is hereby authorized, before the day of election, to deposit his ballot, or ballots, properly folded, as required by the general election laws of this state, or otherwise, as the voter may choose, in a sealed envelope, together with a written or printed envelope, together with a written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, statement, containing the name of the voter, the county, township, borough or ward, of which he is a resident, and a written or printed authority, to some qualified voter in the election district, of which said voter is a resident, to cast the ballots, contained in said envelope, for him, on the day of said election. Said statement and authority to be signed by the said voter, and attested by the commanding officer of the company of which he is a member, in the case of a private, and of some commissioned officer of the regiment, in the case of an officer, if any of such officers are conveniently accessible, and if otherwise, then by some other witness; and there shall also accompany said ballots, an affidavit of said voter, taken before some one of the officers aforesaid, and in the absence of such officers, before some other person duly authorized to administer oaths, by any law of this state, that he is a qualified voter in the election district in which he proposes to vote, that he is in the actual military service of the United States, or of this state, describing the organization to which it belongs, that he has not sent his ballots to any other person or persons, than the one in such authority mentioned, that he will not offer to vote at any poll, which may be opened on said election day, at any place whatsoever, and that he is not a deserter, and has not been dishonorably dismissed from service, and that he is now stationed at in the state of . Said sealed envelope, containing the ballots, statement, authority and affidavit as aforesaid, to be sent to the proper person, by mail or otherwise, having written or printed on the outside across the sealed part thereof, the words "Soldiers ballot for twp., (borough or ward,) in the county of "

SEC 34 The elector, to whom such ballot shall be sent, shall, on the day of election, and whilst the polls of the proper district are open, deliver the envelope, so received, unopened, to the proper election officer, who shall open the same, in the presence of the election board, and deposit the ballots therein contained, together with the envelope, and accompanying papers, as other ballots are deposited, and said board shall count and canvass the same in the same manner as other votes cast at said election and the person delivering the same may, on the demand of any elector, be compelled to testify, on oath that the envelope, so delivered by him, is in the same state as when received by him, and that the same has not been opened, or the contents thereof changed or altered, in any way by him, or any other person.

SEC. 35. The right of any person, thus offering to vote, at any such election, may be challenged, for the same causes that it could be challenged, if he were personally present, and for no other reason or cause.

SEC 36. Any officer of any general, or special election in this state, who shall refuse to receive any such envelope, and deposit any such ballots, or to count and canvass the same, and any elector who shall receive such envelope, and neglect or refuse to present, the same, to the officers of the election district, endorsed on the said envelope, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment, in the state prison, not exceeding one year, and by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or either, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 37. Any person, who shall wilfully and corruptly make and subscribe and false affidavit, or make any false oath, touching any matter or thing provided in this act, shall be deemed guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary, not exceeding five years, and by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by either, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 38. That it shall be the duty of the secretary of the commonwealth to prepare the necessary blank forms, to carry out the provisions of this act, and to furnish the same for the use of the persons so engaged in the military service aforesaid,

SEC 39. In case any qualified elector, in military service aforesaid, may be in any hospital, military or naval, or in any vessel, or a navy yard, the statements and affidavits, in this act mentioned, may be witnessed by, and made before, any officer of the vessel, navy yard or other place, in which said voter is, for the time being, engaged.

SEC. 40. It shall be the duty of every assessor, within this commonwealth, annually, to assess and return, in the manner now required by law, a county tax, of ten cents upon each and every non-commissioned officer and private, and the usual taxes upon every commissioned officer, known by them to be in the military service of the United States, or of this state, in the army and when any omission shall occur, the omitted names shall be added, by such assessors, to the assessments and lists of voters, on the application of any citizen of the election district, or precinct, wherein such soldier might, or would have a right to vote, if not in such service, as aforesaid, and such non-commissioned officers, and privates, shall be exempt from all other personal taxes, during their continuance in such service; and said assessors shall, in each and every case, of such assessed soldiers, or officers, without fee, or reward, therefor, give a certificate of such regular, or additional, assessment, to any citizen of the election district, or precinct, who may at any time, demand the same; and upon presentation thereof, to the tax collector of said district, or the treasurer of the said county, it shall be the duty of such officer to receive said assessed tax, of, and from, any person offering to pay the same, for the soldier or officer therein named, and to endorse, upon such certificate, a receipt therefor; and it shall also be the duty of said collector, or county treasurer, to receive said assessed tax, from any person who may offer to pay the same, for any of said officers, or soldiers, without requiring a certificate of assessment, when the name of such person shall have been duly entered upon the assessment books, and tax duplicates, and give a receipt therefor, to such persons, specially stating, therein the name of the soldier, or officer, whose tax is thus paid, the year for which it was assessed, and the date of the payment thereof; which said certificate and receipt, or receipt, only, shall be *prima facie* evidence, to any election board, provided for by this act, before which