# GENERAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH.

WHEREAS, in and by an act of General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act to regulate the general elections within this Commonwealth," it is enjoined upon me to give public notice of the time at which elections shall be held, the officers who are to be elected, I, GEORGE W. PILE, Sheriff of the county of Somerset, do hereby make known and give this public notice to the electors of the county of Somerset, that a General Election will be held in said county on the

*Second day of November, 1876,*

the same being the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November.

The electors of the Borough of Confluence to meet at the house of Jacob Baer, in said Borough.

The electors of the borough and township of Somerset to meet at the Court House, in said borough.

The electors of the township of Milford to meet at the house lately occupied by Thomas King, in said township.

The electors of New Centreville to meet at the school house in said borough.

The electors of the township of Upper Turkeyfoot to meet at the house of John A. Shultz, in said township.

The electors of the township of Lower Turkeyfoot to meet at the school house in Ursina borough.

The electors of the borough of Ursina to meet at the school house in said borough.

The electors of the township of Addison to meet at the house lately occupied by Jacob Lichty, in said township.

The electors of the township of Middlecreek to meet at the house occupied by Aaron Hechler, in said township.

The electors of the township of Elklick to meet at the new school house in the borough of Salisbury.

The electors of the borough of Salisbury to meet at the house formerly occupied by Jacob Lichty, in said borough.

The electors of the township of Summit to meet at the school house in Dale City borough.

The electors of the borough of Meyersdale City to meet at the court house in said borough.

The electors of the borough of Wellersburg to meet at the school house in said borough.

The electors of the township of Jennerville to meet at the public house in Pinehouse, in said township.

The electors of the township of Southampton to meet at the house of J. L. Kennel, in said township.

The electors of the township of Northampton to meet at the house of John Overholt, in said township.

The electors of the township of Larimer to meet at the house formerly occupied by Wm. May, in said township.

The electors of the borough of Berlin to meet at the house of Archibald Compton, in said borough.

The electors of the township of Brothersvalley to meet at Bittner's school house, in said township.

The electors of the township of Stonycreek to meet at the school house at Shanksville, in said township.

The electors of the borough of Stoystown to meet at the house formerly occupied by Henry J. Miller, in said borough.

The electors of the township of Quemahoning to meet at the house of Jacob Custer, in Stoystown.

The electors of the township of Allegheny to meet at the house of George A. Kimmel, in said township.

The electors of the borough of New Baltimore to meet at the house of ———, in said borough.

The electors of the township of Conemaugh to meet at the house of Peter Levy, in said township.

The electors of the township of Shade to meet at the house of Jacob Hellman, in said township.

The electors of the township of Paint to meet at the school house erected on the lands of Henry Berkey, in said township.

The elector of the township of Jenner to meet at the house of Thos. Gallagher, at Jenner X Roads, in said township.

The electors of the township of Jefferson to meet at the house of Solomon Baker, in said township.

The electors of the borough of Jennerville to meet at the school house in said borough.

At which time and places the qualified voters will elect the following officers, viz:

TWENTY-NINE PERSONS for elector for President and Vice President of the United States.

ONE PERSON for Member of Congress of the United States to represent the District composed of the counties of Somerset, Bedford and Fulton.

TWO PERSONS to represent Somerset county in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

TWO PERSONS for Associate Judges of Somerset county.

TWO PERSONS for Jury Commissioners of Somerset county.

ONE PERSON for Coroner of Somerset county.

ONE PERSON for Poor House Director of Somerset county.

SPECIAL ATTENTION is hereby treated to the following qualifications:

SEC. 1. Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections:

First. He shall have been for one month a citizen of the United States at least one month.

Second. He shall have resided in the State one year (or if having previously been a qualified elector or native born citizen of the State, he shall have removed therefrom and returned, then six months) immediately preceding the election.

Third. He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

Fourth. If twenty-two years of age or upwards, he shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election.

SEC. 2. All the elections by the citizens shall be by ballot. Every ballot voted shall be numbered in the order in which it shall be received, and the number recorded by the election officers on the list of voters, opposite the name of the elector who presents the ballot. Any elector may write his name upon his ballot, or cause the same to be written thereon, and attested by a citizen of the district. The election officers shall be sworn or affirmed to prevent fraud in the conduct of such elections, but shall not have votes refused unless required to do so as witnesses in a judicial proceeding.

SEC. 3. Electors shall in all cases except treason, felony and breach or surety of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance on elections and in going to and returning therefrom.

SEC. 4. Whenever any of the qualified electors of this Commonwealth shall be in actual military service, under a requisition from the President of the United States or by the authority of this Commonwealth, such electors may exercise the right of suffrage in all elections by the citizens, under such regulations as are or shall be prescribed by law, as fully as if they were present at their usual places of election.

SEC. 5. All laws regulating the holding of elections by the citizens or for the registration of voters shall be uniform throughout the State, but no elector shall be deprived of the privilege of voting by reason of his name not being registered.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That if any person or officer to give to an elector any money, reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at an election, or for withholding the same, or shall give or promise to give such consideration to any other person or party for such elector's vote or for the withholding thereof, and any elector who shall receive or agree to receive, for himself or for another, any money, reward or other valuable consideration for his vote at an election, or for withholding the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall forfeit the right to vote at such election, and any elector whose right to vote shall be challenged for such cause before the election officers, shall be required to swear or affirm that the matter of such challenge is untrue before his vote shall be received.

SEC. 7. Any person who shall, while a candidate for office or after the election, be convicted of wilful violation of any election law, shall be forever disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit in this Commonwealth; and any person convicted of wilful violation of the election laws shall, in addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, be deprived of the right of suffrage absolutely for a term of four years.

SEC. 8. For the purpose of voting no person shall be deemed to have gained a residence by reason of his presence, or lost it by reason of his absence, while employed in the service, either civil or military, of this State, or of the United States, nor while engaged in the navigation of the waters of this State or of the United States, or of the high seas, nor while a student of any institution of learning, nor while kept in any poor house or other asylum at public expense, nor while confined in public prison.

SEC. 9. The district election boards shall consist of a judge and two inspectors, who shall be chosen annually by the citizens. Each inspector shall have the right to vote for the judge and one inspector, and each inspector shall appoint one clerk. The first election board for any new district shall be selected, and vacancies in such boards filled, as shall be provided by law. Election officers shall be privileged from arrest upon days of election, and during the registry of voters, except upon indictment, warrant or writ issued by some judge thereof, for an election fraud, for felony or for wanton breach of the peace. In either of such cases, no exemption from jury duty during the pendency of a trial.

SEC. 10. Every person shall be qualified to serve as an election officer who shall possess the qualifications of an elector, but no person holding any office or appointment in or under the government of the United States or of this State or of any city, or county, or of any municipal board, commission or trust in any city save only justices of the peace and aldermen, notaries public and persons in the military service of the State; nor shall any person holding a commission or appointment as an officer at any election at which he shall serve, have the right to such subordinate municipal or local appointment, unless he shall hold or shall resign such office, or shall be designated by general law.

And whereas the following acts of Assembly now in force in this State, viz:

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In case the person who shall have received the highest number of votes for inspector shall not attend on the day of any election, then the person who shall have received the next highest number of votes for judge at the next preceding election shall act as inspector in his place. And in case the person who shall have received the highest number of votes for inspector shall not attend, the person elected judge shall appoint an inspector in his place, and in case the person elected judge shall fail to appoint, then the inspector who has the highest number of votes shall appoint a judge in his place; and if any vacancy shall continue in the board for the space of one hour after the time fixed by law for the opening of the election, the qualified voters of the township, ward or district, by which such officer shall be chosen, present at the place of election, shall elect one of their number to fill such vacancy.

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