

Petition.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the present session of the Legislature for the purpose of having the Act of Assembly, passed the 8th of April, 1864, entitled "An Act for the protection of sheep in certain counties," extended to Forest County, as follows:

That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the counties of Mercer, Clinton and Susquehanna, and they are hereby required to cause an accurate return to be taken annually, by the assessors of the several townships and boroughs within the said county, of all dogs owned or possessed by any person or persons with their respective townships or boroughs, particularly noting the number owned or possessed by each person and kept about any one house; and when the said commissioners shall have ascertained the number of dogs aforesaid, they shall levy and cause to be collected annually, from any person or persons owning or possessing dogs, one dollar for each and every dog, and two dollars for each and every bitch, at the same time and in the same manner as the county rates and levies are collected; and five per centum of the same shall be allowed as collection fees; and it shall be the duty of the county treasurer to keep separate accounts of the money arising from the tax on dogs, and the said money shall be and is hereby appropriated as a fund for remunerating the inhabitants of the said county for any loss they shall sustain, after the passage of this act, by sheep being destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs.

Sec. 2. That every dog kept or staying about any house shall be deemed sufficient evidence of ownership to authorize the assessor to return the person inhabiting said house as the owner or possessor of such dog; and every dog not returned shall be deemed to have no owner, and may be lawfully killed by any person seeing him running at large.

Sec. 3. That when any inhabitant of the county aforesaid shall have any sheep destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs, the appraisers mentioned in this act are hereby authorized and required to view and ascertain the amount of damage sustained by the owner of such sheep destroyed or injured, as aforesaid; and when they shall have ascertained the legality of the claim and the damages sustained, they, or any two of them, shall certify the same under their hands and seals, to the commissioners of the said county, who shall draw their warrant on the county treasurer for the amount so certified, to be paid out of the fund arising from the tax on dogs; Provided, That this act shall not be construed as to repeal any law now in force providing for the collection of damages done to sheep by dogs, from the owner or owners thereof; And provided further, That the said appraisers shall not certify an appraisal of damages to the county commissioners for payment, as aforesaid, in any case in which, in their opinion, there is sufficient proof to charge the owner or owners of dogs, who are solvent, with the damages aforesaid, under existing laws, until suit shall have been brought, tried, and judgment entered against the plaintiff.

Sec. 4. That when any inhabitant of the county aforesaid shall have any sheep destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs, he may make complaint to one of the justices of the peace of his or her township or borough, who shall thereupon appoint three appraisers of said damage, who shall have full power and authority to examine, as witnesses, any persons or persons, who shall appear before them, respecting the premises, upon oath or affirmation, to be by them administered; and it shall be the further duty of the said appraisers, and they are hereby required, to ascertain whether the owner of the sheep so destroyed or injured owns, possesses or keeps a dog or dogs about his or her premises, and shall make report of the fact, together with the appraisal of damages aforesaid, to the commissioners of the said county; and if it shall appear to the said commissioners that the owner aforesaid did not make a true return to the proper assessor, of the said dog or dogs, the said owner shall not be entitled to receive any part of the said damages.

Sec. 5. That the persons so appointed appraisers shall severally receive for their services the sum of one dollar per day, while engaged in the performance of their duties under this act, which sums shall be added to and with the damages so appraised; and the said appraisers, after their appointment and before they enter upon the performance of their duties enjoined by this act, shall severally take and subscribe, before the said justice of the peace, an oath or affirmation that they will faithfully and impartially perform all of their said duties to the best of their judgment and ability; which said certificate shall be immediately filed in the office of the county commissioners.

Sec. 6. That if any person in the said county shall permit any dog to be kept or remain about his premises, that is not returned by him to the assessor, he shall be liable to be removed to a pound in the name of the county, and the owner thereof shall be liable to pay for the maintenance of the dog until it is disposed of.

er, and the other half to be paid to the county treasurer, to be placed by him in the fund of tax on dogs.

Sec. 7. That any dog seen within an enclosure where sheep are kept within the said county, except when in company with the owner or some member of his or her family, may be lawfully killed.

Sec. 8. That should the fund, arising from the tax on dogs aforesaid, accumulate in the treasury to an amount beyond what the county commissioners may think necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, they shall have power and they are hereby required, as often as such contingency occurs, to proceed to set apart such surplus for common school purposes, and to divide the same among the several school districts within the said county, in proportion to the number of the taxable inhabitants in each of the said school districts, and shall draw their warrants in favor of the school treasurers of the respective school districts for their proportions of the sum to be paid out, ascertained and settled for, by the said school treasurers, as the common school fund is paid out, accounted and settled for.

Sec. 9. That dogs in the said county are hereby declared to be personal property, and shall be as much the subject of larceny as any other kind of personal property whatever.

Signed for Petitioners,
J. A. PROPER,
R. O. CATSON,
W. R. COON.

Allegheny Valley Rail Road.

Oil Creek & Allegheny River Railway, and Buffalo, Corry & Pittsburgh R. R.

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