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Salary of reporter.

SECT. 4. The reporter shall be paid a yearly salary of one thousand dollars, in four quarterly payments; and he shall receive from the secretary of state thirteen copies of each volume of his own reports, published under the provisions of this act; and this shall be in full for his services as reporter.

Duties of reporter.

SECT. 5. The duties of the reporter in preparing the reports for the press, and superintending the publication thereof, shall be the same as heretofore.

Acts, &c. inconsistent, repealed.

SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

[Approved March 17, 1842.]

Chapter 25.

AN ACT additional to an act in relation to elections.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

County commissioners to set off any part of plantations organized under the act of October 2, 1840, on application.

The county commissioners of any county in which any plantation has been organized under the provisions of an act, passed on the second day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, entitled "an act in relation to elections," on application, and after such notice as they may deem proper, are hereby authorized to set off any part of any such plantation, and annex the same to any other such plantation; or they may cause such part of said plantation to be organized into a new plantation, upon such application and proceedings as are mentioned in the act to which this is additional.

Or organize the same into a new plantation.

[Approved March 17, 1842.]

Chapter 26.

AN ACT providing for the choice of representatives to congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Districts for the choice of representatives to congress.

First district.

SECT. 1. The county of York together with the towns of Hiram, Porter, Brownfield and Denmark from the county of Oxford, and the towns of Bridgton, Harrison and Otisfield from the county of Cumberland, shall compose the first district and be entitled to one representative.

The remainder of the county of Cumberland shall compose the second district and be entitled to one representative. Second district.

The county of Lincoln shall compose the third district and be entitled to one representative. Third district.

The remainder of the county of Oxford and the county of Franklin, together with all of the county of Somerset north of the south line of Starks, and west of the Kennebec river, not including any part of Norridgewock, shall compose the fourth district and be entitled to one representative. Fourth district.

The remainder of the county of Somerset, except the towns hereinafter annexed to the sixth district, and the county of Kennebec, except the towns hereinafter annexed to the sixth district, shall compose the fifth district and be entitled to one representative. Fifth district.

The county of Waldo, together with the towns of China, Vassalborough, Albion, Winslow and Clinton and Clinton Gore and the territory north of Albion from the county of Kennebec, and the towns of Chandlerville, Pittsfield, Canaan, Hartland, Palmyra, St. Albans, Harmony, Ripley and Cambridge from the county of Somerset, shall compose the sixth district and be entitled to one representative. Sixth district.

The counties of Penobscot and Piscataquis shall compose the seventh district and be entitled to one representative. Seventh district.

The counties of Hancock, Washington and Aroostook, shall compose the eighth district and be entitled to one representative. Eighth district.

The representatives chosen in the several districts shall at the time of their election be residents therein. The foregoing division of the state into representative districts shall be and continue in force until an apportionment of representatives among the several states shall be made by congress after the taking of the seventh census, *provided* the ratio which may be established in apportioning representatives according to the sixth census shall be such as to entitle this State to the aforesaid number of eight representatives. Division to be in force until a congressional apportionment.

SECT. 2. The election for representatives to congress shall take place and be on the second Monday of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty two, and thereafter biennially. Proviso.

SECT. 3. So much of section three of an act entitled "an act providing for the choice of representatives to congress," approved February twenty eight, A. D. eighteen hundred and thirty three, as relates to the manner of calling meetings for the choice of representatives to congress and the duties of officers of towns in presiding in said meetings and making returns of votes, and also sections four, five, six and seven of said act, shall continue and be in force, except Time of election.

§ 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the act of Feb. 23, 1833, to be in force, except so far as changed by the R. S.

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so far as the same may have been changed by the revised statutes of this state.

When governor to issue proclamation for the election of representatives by general ticket.

SECT. 4. If congress in apportioning representatives among the several States according to the sixth census, shall fix upon a ratio which will entitle this state to a less or greater number of representatives than eight, the governor shall issue a proclamation announcing the number to which the state may be entitled, and requiring the qualified voters in the state to assemble in their respective towns at the times and under the regulations provided in this act, to give in their votes for the number of representatives to congress to which the state may be entitled.

[*Approved March 17, 1842.*]

Chapter 27.

AN ACT additional to regulate judicial proceedings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Grand jury to enquire into the accusation against persons accused or committed on offences not cognizable by the court.

Where any person shall be recognized or committed for trial at the supreme judicial or district court, and it shall appear that the offence of which such person is accused, is not cognizable by the court, for trial at which he may have been so recognized or committed, the accusation against such person shall be inquired into by the grand jury attending at such court, in the same manner as though said court had jurisdiction of such offence ; and said grand jury shall have power, if justice requires, to find a true bill against such accused person ; and in such case, the said accused may be ordered by the court then sitting to recognize or to be committed, as the case may be, for trial at the next court to be held in and for the same county, having cognizance of the offence.

Authorized to find a bill, if justice requires.

[*Approved March 17, 1842.*]

Chapter 28.

AN ACT to establish the shire town of the county of Piscataquis.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Shire town of Piscataquis coun-

SECT. 1. The town of Dover shall be the shire town of the