

CHAP. 18.

AN ACT for erecting lands called the Military Tract into a separate county.

PASSED the 5th of March, 1794.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, Onondaga county erected.
That all that tract of land called the Military tract, bounded westerly by the county of Ontario, northerly by lake Ontario, the Onondaga river and the Oneida lake, easterly by the east bounds of the lands in the said tract laid out for townships and called by the names of Cincinnatus, Solon Fabius and Pompey, and the easterly and northeasterly bounds of lands in the said tract laid out for townships, and called by the names of Manlius and Cicero, as the same have been run and marked by the surveyor general of this State, and southerly, by the south bounds of the lands in the said tract laid out for townships, and called by the name of Cincinnatus, Virgil, Dryden, Ulysses and Hector, as the same have been run and marked by the surveyor general of this State, and the same line continued to the east bounds of the county of Ontario, shall be one separate county, and be called and known by the name of Onondaga.

Courts,
terms of.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall be held in and for the said county of Onondaga, a court of common pleas and a court of general sessions of the peace, and their shall be two terms of the said courts in every year, to commence and end as follows, that is to say, the first term of the said courts shall begin on the fourth Tuesday of May and shall continue and be held until the Saturday following inclusive, and the second term of the said courts shall begin on the fourth Tuesday of December, and shall continue and be held until the Saturday following inclusive. And the said courts of common pleas and general sessions of the peace shall have the same jurisdiction, powers and authorities in the same county, as the courts of common pleas and general session of the peace in the other counties of this State have in their respective counties. *Provided always* that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to affect any suit or action already commenced, or that shall be commenced, or any criminal proceeding had or to be had, before the fourth Tuesday of May next, but all such criminal and civil proceedings, shall and may be prosecuted to trial, judgment and execution as if this act had never been made.

Courts,
where to
be held.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That until other legislative provision be made in the premises, the courts of common pleas and general sessions of the peace in the said county of Onondaga, shall be held alternately at the house now occupied by Reuben Patterson in the town of Manlius, and at the house of Seth Phelps in the town of Scipio, beginning with the first.

Prisoners,
where to be
confined.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for all courts and officers of the said county of Onondaga in all cases civil and criminal, to confine their prisoners in the gaol of the county of Herkemer, until a gaol shall be provided in the same county of Onondaga.

Towns in
Onondaga
county;
Homer.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all that part of the said county of Onondaga, comprehending the townships of Homer, Solon, Virgil and Cincinnatus shall be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Homer, and that the first town meeting to be holden in and for the said town of Homer, shall be held at the house of John Miller in the said town. And that all that part of the said

Pompey.

county, comprehending the townships of Pompey Tully and Fabius, together with that part of the lands called the Onondaga Reservation, bounded northerly by the road leading through the said reservation, commonly called the Genesee road, and westerly by the Onondaga creek, shall be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Pompey, and that the first town meeting to be holden in and for the said town of Pompey, shall be held at the house of Ebenezer Butler junior in the said town. And that all that part of the said county compre-

Manlius.

hending the township of Manlius, together with that part of the said Onondaga Reservation bounded southerly by the aforesaid road and westerly by the said Onondaga creek and the Salt lake, shall be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Manlius, and that the first town meeting to be holden in and for the said town of Manlius, shall be held at the house of Benjamin Moorehouse in the said town. And

Lysander.

that all that part of the said county comprehending the townships of Lysander, Hannibal, and Cicero, shall be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Lysander, and that the first town meeting to be holden in and for the said town of Lysander shall be held at the house

Marcellus.

of Rial Bingham at Three Rivers in the said town. And that all that part of the said county comprehending the townships of Camillus and

Marcellus, together with all the residue of the Onondaga Reservation, and the residue of the reserved lands lying southwest of the said Salt lake, shall be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Marcellus, and that the first town meeting to be holden in and for the said town of Marcellus shall be held at the house of Moses Carpenter in the said town. And that all that part of the said county, comprehending the townships of Ulysses and Dryden, shall be, and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Ulysses, and that the first town meeting to be holden in and for the said town of Ulysses shall be held at the house of Peter Hymphagh in the said town. And that all that part of the said county, comprehending the townships of Milton and Locke, shall be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Milton, and that the first town meeting to be holden in and for the said town of Milton shall be held at the house of Jonathan Woodworth in the said town. And that all that part of the said county comprehending the townships of Scipio and Sempronious, together with that part of the lands reserved to the Cayuga nation of Indians lying on the east side of the Cayuga lake, south of a west line drawn from the southwesterly corner of the township of Aurelius in the east bounds of the said Reservation, to the said Cayuga lake, shall be, and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Scipio, and that the first town meeting to be holding in and for the said town of Scipio, shall be held at the house of Augustus Chidsey in the said town. [And that all that part of the said county comprehending the townships of Cato, Brutus and Aurelius, together with that part of the lands reserved to the Cayuga nation of Indians as aforesaid, lying on the east side of the Cayuga lake, and not included in the last mentioned town of Scipio, shall be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Aurelius, and that the first town meeting to be holden in and for the said town of Aurelius, shall be held at the house of Prentice Palmer in the said town. And that all that part of said county, comprehending the townships of Ovid and Hector, and all the lands in the said county of Onondaga, lying on the west side of the Seneca lake, shall be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Ovid, and that the first town meeting to be holden in and for the said town of Ovid, shall be held at the house of James Jackson in the said town. And that all that part of the said county, comprehending the townships of Romulus, Junius and Galen, together with the lands lying west of the townships of Hannibal and Cato, north of the said township of Galen, and south of Lake Ontario, as also all that part of the lands reserved to the Cayuga nation of the Indians, lying on the west side of the Cayuga lake, shall be and hereby is erected into a town by the name of Romulus, and that the first town meeting to be holden in and for the said town of Romulus, shall be held at the house of Benaijah Boardman in the said town.

Ulysses.

Milton.

Scipio.

Aurelius.

Ovid.

Romulus.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the freeholders and inhabitants of the said county of Onondaga, and of the several towns therein, shall have and enjoy within the same respectively, all and every the same rights, powers, and privileges, that the freeholders and inhabitants of the several other counties and towns within this State, are by law entitled to have and enjoy.

Powers of county and towns.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That until other provision shall be made by law, the freeholders and inhabitants of the said county of Onondaga, shall give their votes for a member of the assembly, in the same manner as if the said county of Onondaga was part of the county of Herkemer, and that the votes taken in the said county of Onondaga at each election for a member of the assembly, shall

Canvass of votes for assembly.