

county, William Smith of Will county, and Horatio G. Loomis of Cook county, are hereby appointed commissioners who, or a majority of them being first duly sworn before some justice of the peace, shall meet at the house of John Stephens on the first Monday in September next, or within thirty days thereafter, and shall proceed to locate the seat of justice of said county, at the most eligible and convenient point, *Provided*, That if the same can be located with as much advantage on public land not claimed, then it shall be the duty of said commissioners so to locate the same. But if not, then they shall obtain for the county, of the claimant, a quantity of land not less than twenty acres, or three thousand dollars, upon which land and contiguous land, the said county seat shall be located.

To take an oath.
When and where to meet

Their duties.

SEC. 5. The commissioners appointed to locate said county seat, shall each be paid out of the Treasury of said county of Michigan, the sum of three dollars per day, for each day by them necessarily occupied in the performance of that duty.

Commissioners compensation.

APPROVED March 2, 1837.

AN ACT to establish the ^{23d} county of Livingston.

In force 27th
Feb. 1837.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That all that tract of country lying within the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning at the north west corner of township numbered thirty, north of range numbered three east of the third principal meridian, thence east on the line between townships numbered thirty and thirty-one north, to the range line between ranges No. eight and nine east, thence south between said last mentioned ranges to the south east corners of section No. thirteen, of township numbered twenty-five north, of range numbered eight east, thence west through the middle of said last mentioned township to the range line between ranges five and six east, thence north between said last mentioned ranges to the township line between townships numbered twenty-six and twenty-seven north, thence west between said last mentioned townships to the range line between ranges numbered two and three east, and thence north between said last mentioned ranges to the place of beginning, shall constitute a new county to be denominated the county of Livingston.

Boundaries of
Livingston co.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of fixing the permanent

Commissioners to fix county seat.
To take an oath.

When and where to meet.

Their duties in locating.

seat of justice of said county, the following persons are appointed commissioners, viz: James A. Piatt, of Macon county, William B. Peck, of Will county and Thompson S. Flint of Tazewell county, who, or a majority of them, being duly sworn before some justice of the peace of this State, faithfully to take into consideration the convenience of the people, the situation of the settlements with an eye to the future population and the eligibility of the place, shall meet at the house of Andrew McMillen in said county, on the first Monday in June next, or some convenient day thereafter, and proceed to examine and determine upon a place for the permanent seat of justice of said county, and designate the same, *Provided*, That the county seat shall be located upon lands belonging to the United States if a site for such county seat on such lands can be found equally eligible, or upon lands claimed by citizens of said county, the claim to which shall be voluntarily relinquished; but if such location shall be made upon lands claimed by any individual who is in possession of the same, and who shall not so relinquish, or upon lands to which there is a right of pre-emption, said claimant or proprietor upon whose claim or right of pre-emption the said seat of justice may be located, shall make a deed to any number of acres of said tract not less than twenty to the said county; to be laid off in a square form, or not more than twice as long as it shall be wide, and to be designated by the commissioners appointed as aforesaid, and on which the public buildings shall be erected, or in lieu thereof such claimant, owner or owners of such pre-emption right shall donate to the said county at least three thousand dollars, to be paid within one year after the location of said county seat, to be applied to the erection of public buildings; and the proceeds of such quarter section, if the county seat shall be located upon government lands, or the proceeds of such twenty acres of land, if it be located upon the claim or pre-emption right of an individual or individuals, or the said three thousand dollars in case such claimant or pre-emption right owner or owners shall elect to pay that sum in lieu of the said twenty acres, shall be appropriated to the erection of a court house and other public buildings.

When and where election is to be held for county officers.

SEC. 3. An election shall be held at the house of Andrew McMillen, on the second Monday of May next, for one sheriff, one coroner, one recorder, one county surveyor or and three county commissioners, who shall hold their offices until the next succeeding general election, and until their successors are qualified; which said election shall be conducted in all respects agreeable to the provisions of the law regulating elections, *Provided*, That the qualified voters

ters present may elect from amongst their own number three qualified voters to act as judges of election, who shall appoint two qualified voters to act as clerks.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the circuit court of said county, and if there be none acting, then the judge of probate to give at least twenty days notice previous to said election, and the returns of the election shall be made to the clerk or judge of probate, as the case may be, who gave the notice aforesaid, and by him in the presence of one or more justice of the peace, shall be opened and examined; and they jointly shall give to the persons elected commissioners, certificates of their election, and shall transmit abstracts of the election for the county officers to the secretary of State, as is now required by law. Clerks duty.

SEC. 5. Said county shall be attached to, and form a part of the first judicial circuit, and until public buildings shall be erected, the circuit and county commissioners courts shall be held at the house of Andrew McMillen's, *Provided, however,* That the county commissioners of said county, shall within one year, or as soon as practicable after the location of the seat of justice as aforesaid, erect suitable buildings for the holding of said courts. Shall form a part of the first Judicial circuit.
Where courts are to be held.

SEC. 6. The said county shall continue to form parts of La Salle and McLean counties, until it shall be organised according to this act, and shall continue to be attached to said counties in all general elections until otherwise provided by law. To form parts of La Salle & McLean counties until it is organised.

SEC. 7. After the election of county officers as herein provided, the persons elected county commissioners, are hereby authorised to administer oaths of office to all other county officers; and the said county commissioners shall within ten days after their election, meet together as a court, appoint a clerk and lay off their county into justices districts, and order elections to be held for justices of the peace and constables, at a time to be fixed by them, and justices of the peace and constables elected under this act, shall hold their offices until others are elected and qualified under the law regulating elections of justices of the peace and constables. The clerk of the county commissioners court shall deliver to each person elected justice of the peace and constable, a certificate of such election. County commissioners elected to administer oaths of office.
Their duties.
Clerks duties.

SEC. 8. The commissioners herein appointed to locate the county seat, shall be allowed three dollars per day each for each and every day by them necessarily employed in making said location, to be paid out of the treasury of the said county. Commissioners compensation.

APPROVED 27th February, 1837.