

before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the Supreme Court of the United States as were or may be according to the rules and practice of said courts.

Harrisburg, March 12. 1839.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a bill reported by the Committee of the Judiciary system in the Senate of Pennsylvania,

GEORGE W. HAMERSLY,
Clerk, Senate of Pennsylvania.

No. 16.

An act, relating to the trial of Bemis, and others, in York county.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That upon the voluntary surrender of Nathan S. Bemis, Jacob Forward, Edward Prigg and Stephen Lewis, or either of them, to the court of quarter sessions of the peace, for the county of York to answer unto certain bills of indictment for kidnapping, now depending against them in said court; the judges of said court shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and directed to take the several recognizances of the said parties or of either of them so surrendering as aforesaid, in the penalty of one thousand dollars each, conditioned for his appearance to answer unto said indictments and to abide by such final decision in the premises as shall be had and made in the manner hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 2. That after said recognizance or recognizances shall have been entered into by the said parties, or either of them, the attorney general of this commonwealth, shall and may, by and with the consent of said parties or their counsel, prepare and agree to a written statement of all the facts, relating to all the charges contained in said indictments, which facts when so agreed upon, shall be found at the next succeeding term of said court of quarter sessions of the peace, for the county of York aforesaid, by the jury then and there empanelled, to try said indictments or either of them, in the form of a special verdict, and in case no such statement of facts shall be agreed upon, then and in such case, the said jury shall find a special verdict under the direction of said court, incorporating therein, all such facts as shall be given, in evidence for and in behalf of the commonwealth or the said defendants or either of them, so as that all questions