

peace, and of the portion of the district of Southwark in the commissioners of said district. And whereas one uniform mode of choosing the guardians aforesaid would be desirable: Therefore:

SECT. I. *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 the commissioners of the Northern Liberties be, and they hereby are authorized and directed, to choose their portion of the guardians aforesaid, at the town-house, in the Northern Liberties aforesaid, at the same time the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, and the commissioners of the district of Southwark, are directed by the law to which this is a supplement, to choose their portion of the guardians aforesaid, and subject to the same rules that the select and common councils, and the commissioners aforesaid are subjected in the choice of guardians as aforesaid.

Commissioners of the Northern Liberties to choose guardians of the poor at the town house, &c.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the act to which this is a supplement as is by this act altered and supplied, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Repeal of parts of former acts:

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*

*of the House of Representatives:*

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER:



CHAPTER XLIX.

*An ACT granting certain privileges to Jonathan Grout.*

WHEREAS Jonathan Grout has erected a line of telegraphs from Philadelphia to Port Penn, in the state of Delaware, for the purpose of transmitting the earliest possible intelligence from the Delaware Bay to Philadelphia, and vice versa, and has petitioned this legislature, stating that the south half of Reedy Island at the head of the Delaware Bay in said state, owned by this commonwealth, is so situated that if a telegraph were erected thereon, its position would ensure an earlier conveyance of intelligence through such line than could be effected from any other place in that vicinity, that it will conduce to the extension of such line to the capes of the Delaware Bay, which is laudable and promotive of public good: Therefore,

SECT. I. *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 the use of all that part of Reedy Island, the property of this

Grant of part of Reedy Is;

land granted to Jonathan Grout during the pleasure of the legislature.

commonwealth, be, and hereby is granted unto Jonathan Grout, his heirs and assigns, being citizens of the United States, as a telegraphic station until otherwise directed by law.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER L.

*An ACT authorizing a Loan of Money from the State to William M'Dermett.*

WHEREAS it appears to the Legislature that William M'Dermett, of Bedford county, has erected works for the converting iron into steel, and has succeeded in making steel, which is supposed to be of as good a quality as any imported from Europe, but not possessing a capital sufficient to enable him to carry on the said works extensively, and to furnish supplies of that article adequate to the demands in the market, he hath petitioned the Legislature for a loan of money for that purpose. And whereas it is the true policy of this State to give encouragement to works of a public utility, to foster our own manufactures, and to render ourselves independent of foreign nations for articles of such absolute necessity: Therefore,

SECTION I *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 a loan be granted from the State to William M'Dermett, of three thousand dollars, to be paid on warrant from the Governor, out of any money in the state-treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That the said William M'Dermett shall first give bond with warrant of attorney, to confess judgment to the commonwealth, with sufficient security to the satisfaction of the Governor, for the re-payment of the said loan with interest in five years.

Loan of three thousand dollars to William M'Dermett.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.