

in what manner, he or they have executed the trust reposed in him or them by this act.

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

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

APPROVED—the fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XCVIII.

An ACT to authorize Samuel Ray, junior, to erect a toll bridge over French Creek, opposite Buck-street, in the town of Franklin.

SECTION I. **B**E 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 it shall and may be lawful for Samuel Ray, junior, his heirs and assigns, to erect, build, maintain and support a good and substantial bridge over and across French creek, opposite Buck-street, in the town of Franklin, in Venango county; and the property of said bridge, when built, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said Samuel Ray, his heirs and assigns for ever; and the said Samuel Ray, his heirs and assigns may demand and receive toll from travelers and others, not exceeding the following rates, viz. For every coach, landau, chariot, phaeton, or other pleasure carriage, ten cents for each horse drawing the same; for every loaded waggon or cart, ten cents for each horse drawing the same; and for every empty waggon or cart, eight cents for each horse drawing the same; for every sleigh or sled, six cents for each horse drawing the same; for a single horse and rider, six cents; for every horse four cents; for every foot passenger two cents; for every head of horned cattle, two cents; for sheep or swine at the rate of ten cents for every score; and all carriages which shall be drawn by oxen or partly by oxen and partly by horses, two oxen shall be estimated as equal to one horse: *Provided always nevertheless*, That nothing in this act contained, shall extend to authorize the said Samuel Ray, or any other person to erect a bridge in the manner in this act before mentioned, on any private property, without the consent of the owners thereof, or to erect the same in such manner as in any way to interfere with, injure, or obstruct the navigation of the said creek, or the passage over the ford across the same, near where the said bridge may be erected; *Provided also*, That persons in the militia on days of training, or of military procession, or persons attending funerals or religious worship on Sabbath days, shall have the privilege of passing over the said bridge toll free.

Samuel Ray, jun. &c. authorized to erect and maintain a bridge over French creek. Property thereof vested in said Ray and his heirs. Who may receive toll. Rates of toll to be taken.

Said bridge not to be erected on any ground, without the owners consent being first obtained. Who may pass toll free.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the said Samuel Ray, his heirs and assigns shall not proceed to carry on the said work within one year after the passing of this act, or shall not within three years complete the same according to the true intent and meaning of this act, or if at any time after the said bridge is completed, it is suffered to be out of repair so as to be impassable for horses and waggons for the space of five months, then and in either of those cases, all and singular the rights, liberties, and privileges and franchises hereby granted to the said Samuel Ray, his heirs and assigns, shall revert to this commonwealth.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the said Samuel Ray, his heirs and assigns, shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good and perfect order and repair, for the space of five days, and information thereof shall be given to any justice of the peace of the county, such justice shall issue his precept, directed to any constable, commanding him to summon three judicious freeholders, to meet at a certain time in the said precepts to be mentioned, at the said bridge, of which said meeting, notice shall be given to the said Samuel Ray, his heirs or assigns; and the said justice shall at such time and place, by the oaths or affirmations of the said freeholders, enquire whether the said bridge is in good and perfect order and repair as aforesaid; and if the said bridge shall be found by the said inquisition, not to be in good order and repair, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, he shall certify the same, and send a copy of the inquisition to the said Samuel Ray, his heirs or assigns; and from thenceforth the said tolls hereby granted shall cease to be demanded, paid, or collected until the defective part or parts of the said bridge shall be put in good and perfect order and repair as aforesaid.

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CHAPTER XCIX.

An ACT establishing in part and authorizing commissioners to lay out a state road from Pittsburg, through Beaver-town to the western boundary of the state.

SECTION I. **B**E 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 present public road as laid out