

CHAPTER CVI.

An ACT to enable the governor to incorporate a company for making an artificial road from the northern boundary line of this state, at the most suitable place near the twenty-eight mile stone, to the place where the seat of justice is established for the county of Susquebanna; and thence by the best and nearest route to the borough of Wilkesbarre, in the county of Luzerne.

SECT. 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 Samuel Hodgdon and John B. Wallace of the city of Philadelphia, and Robert H. Rose and Putnam Cattlen of the county of Susquehanna, and Ebenezer Bowman and Elisha Harding of the county of Luzerne, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several things herein after mentioned; that is to say, they shall on or before the first Monday of September next, procure two books and enter in each of them as follows, " We whose names are hereunto subscribed do promise to pay to the president, managers and company of the Bridgewater and Wilkesbarre, turnpike road, the sum of fifty dollars for every share of stock set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and proportions and at such times as shall be determined by the president and managers of the said company, in pursuance of an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, entitled, " An act to enable the governor to incorporate a company for making an artificial road from the northern boundary line of this state, at the most suitable place near the twenty-eight mile stone, to the place where the seat of justice is established for the county of Susquehanna; and thence by the best and nearest route to the borough of Wilkesbarre in the county of Luzerne." Witness our hands the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ and shall thereupon give notice in two of the public papers printed in the city of Philadelphia, and in one or more of the public papers printed in the borough of Wilkesbarre, for one calendar month at least, of the times and places in the said city and county when and where the said books shall be open to receive subscriptions for the stock of the said company at which respective times and places some two of the said commissioners shall attend and shall permit and suffer all persons of lawful age who shall offer to subscribe in the said books, in their own names or names of any other persons who shall duly authorize the same, for any number of shares in the said stock, and the said books shall be kept open respectively for the purpose aforesaid, at least six hours in every juridical day for the

Commissioners named.

Books to be procured. Entry therein.

Notice to be given of the time and place of opening the books.

Two of the commissioners to attend.

Who may subscribe.

Books to be kept open six days, &c.

space of six days or until the said book opened at Philadelphia shall have one hundred and fifty shares therein subscribed; the said book opened at Wilkesbarre three hundred shares therein subscribed; and if at the expiration of the said six days the books aforesaid or either of them shall not have the respective number of shares aforesaid therein subscribed, the said commissioners respectively may adjourn from time to time and transfer the said books from place to place aforesaid, until the whole number of shares shall be subscribed, of which adjournments and transfer the commissioners aforesaid shall give such public notice as the occasion may require; and when the whole number of shares subscribed in both the said books shall amount to four hundred and fifty, the same shall be closed; *Provided always*, That every person offering to subscribe in the said books in his own name or any other name, shall previously pay to the attending commissioners the sum of five dollars for every share to be subscribed, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses attending the taking such subscriptions and other incidental charges and the remainder shall be paid over to the treasurer of the corporation as soon as the same shall be organized and the officers chosen as herein after mentioned.

May be transferred from place to place, &c.

Shall be closed when 450 shares are subscribed.

5 dollars to be paid on each share at the time of subscribing.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

That when twenty persons or more shall have subscribed one hundred or more shares of the said stock, the commissioners shall certify under their hands and seals the names of the subscribers and the number of shares subscribed by each to the governor; and thereupon it shall and may be lawful for the governor by letters patent under his hand and seal and the seal of the state, to create and erect the subscribers, and if the said subscriptions be not full at the time, then also those who shall afterwards subscribe to the number aforesaid, into one body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of, "The president, managers and company of the Bridgewater and Wilkesbarre turnpike road," and by the said name the subscribers shall have perpetual succession and all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation; and shall be capable of taking and holding their said capital stock and the increase and profits thereof and of enlarging the same from time to time by new subscriptions, in such manner and form as they shall think proper, if such enlargement shall be found necessary to fulfil the intent of this act; and of purchasing, taking and holding to them and their successors and assigns, and of selling, transferring and conveying in fee simple or for any lesser estate, all such lands, tenements, hereditaments, and estate real and personal as shall be necessary to them in the prosecution of their works; and of suing and being sued, and of doing all and every other matter and thing which a corporation or body politic may lawfully do.

When the commissioners may certify the sales of stock, to the governor.

Who shall there upon incorporate the subscribers,

Style of the company.

Privileges of.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*  
 'That the commissioners aforesaid as soon as conveniently may  
 give notice in two of the public papers printed in Philadelphia,  
 and one or more of the public papers printed at Wilkesbarre,  
 of a time and place by them to be appointed, not less than thirty  
 days from the publication of the first notice; at which time  
 and place the said subscribers shall proceed to organize the said  
 corporation, and shall choose by a majority of votes of the said  
 subscribers by ballot to be delivered in person or by proxy duly  
 authorized, one president and twelve managers, one treasurer,  
 and such other officers as they shall think necessary to conduct  
 the business of the said company for one year and until such  
 other officers shall be chosen, and the said managers so chosen  
 and their successors shall and may make such by-laws, rules, or-  
 ders and regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and  
 laws of this State or of the United States as shall be necessary  
 for the well ordering the affairs of the said company, and gene-  
 rally have like powers, authorities and privileges necessary for  
 carrying on and completing the said turnpike road; and be sub-  
 ject to all the duties, qualifications, restrictions, penalties, fines,  
 and forfeitures, and be entitled to like tolls and profits in pro-  
 portion to the distance as are given and granted to "The pre-  
 sident, managers and company of the Easton and Wilkesbarre  
 turnpike road;" *Provided,* That if the said company shall not  
 proceed to carry on the said work in three years after the pas-  
 sing of this act, or shall not within ten years afterwards com-  
 plete the said road according to the true intent and meaning of  
 this act, then in either of these cases, it shall and may be lawful  
 for the legislature of the commonwealth to resume all and sin-  
 gular the rights, liberties, privileges and franchises by this act  
 granted to the said company.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

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

APPROVED—the thirtieth day of March, one thousand eight  
 hundred and eleven.

SIMON SNYDER.

## CHAPTER CVII.

*An ACT granting an annuity to John Watson for life.*

WHEREAS it appears to the legislature that John Wat-  
 son served as a soldier in the Pennsylvania line in the late revo-  
 lutionary war, and that while in the military service of his coun-  
 try, his constitution, from the particular services and privations