

said lunatic, and to provide for the future maintenance of himself and young children: Therefore,

Margaret Beechler et al. authorized to sell part of the real estate of H. Beechler, a lunatic.

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 Margaret Beechler, Daniel Brookhart, and Isaac Kirk, are hereby authorized to sell by public sale, for the highest and best price that can be obtained therefor, such part or parts of the real estate of Henry Beechler, as to them may appear proper and necessary to pay the debts of the said Henry Beechler, and provide for the future maintenance of himself and young children, and make the purchaser or purchasers such deed or deeds, or other assurances, as will assure and convey to the said purchaser or purchasers, all the right, title, and interest, which the said lunatic hath in such real estate; Provided, that the said Margaret Beechler, Daniel Brookhart, and Isaac Kirk, shall, before they proceed to sell and convey any part of the real estate of the said Henry Beechler, enter into recognizance, with sufficient security, before the court of common pleas of York county, where the said estate lies, that all the monies arising from the sale or sales authorized by this act shall be faithfully applied to the purposes aforesaid.*

Recognizance to be entered into.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXXVI.

An ACT to authorize Henry Conrad to erect a toll bridge over the Allegheny river.

H. Conrad authorized to build a toll bridge across the Allegheny river.

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 it shall and may be lawful for Henry Conrad, his heirs and assigns, to erect, build, maintain and support a good and substantial bridge over and across the Allegheny river, at the place where the public road laid out from the division line of New-York and Pennsylvania to Smethport, in the county of M'Kean, where the road crosses the same, and the property of said bridge when built, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said Henry Conrad, his heirs and assigns, forever; and the said Henry Conrad, his heirs and assigns, may demand and receive toll from travellers and others, not exceeding the following rates, to wit, for every coach, landau, chariot, phaeton or other pleasure carriage, five cents, for each horse drawing the same; for every loaded waggon or*

Property of vested in said Conrad. May receive toll. Rates of.

cart, five cents for each horse drawing the same ; for every empty waggon or cart, three cents for each horse drawing the same ; for every sleigh or sled, two cents for each horse drawing the same ; for a single horse and rider, four cents ; for every led or drove horse, three cents ; for every foot passenger, one cent ; for every score of cattle, ten cents ; for sheep or swine, five cents, for every score; and in proportion for any greater or less number : 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 authorize the said Henry Conrad, 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 owner thereof, or to erect the same in such manner as in any way to interfere with, or obstruct the navigation of said river.

Bridge not to be erected on private property without the owners consent.  
Not to obstruct the navigation, &c.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if the said Henry Conrad, 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 bridge is completed, it is suffered to be out of repair so as to be impassable for horses and waggons, for the space of two months, then and in either of these cases, all and singular the rights, liberties, privileges and franchises, hereby granted to the said Henry Conrad, his heirs and assigns, shall revert to this commonwealth.

When to be begun and completed.

Penalty on suffering it to be out of repair.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if the said Henry Conrad, his heirs or 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 precept to be mentioned, at the said bridge, of which said meeting notice shall be given to the said Henry Conrad, his heirs or assigns ; and the said justice shall at such time and place, by the oaths or affirmations of the said freeholders, inquire 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 freeholders not to be in good order and repair, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, they shall certify the same, and send a copy of the inquisition to the said Henry Conrad, 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.

Proceedings to be had in case of.

Notice to be given.

No tolls to be received until the bridge be repaired.

When the bridge shall become toll free.

How the value of the bridge to be ascertained.

And H. Conrad compensated,

Refusal of H. Conrad to choose commissioners. Not to affect the proceedings.

Who may pass toll free.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever the court of quarter sessions, and grand jury, in concurrence with the commissioners of said county, shall think proper that the said bridge should become free, then the commissioners of the said county, together with the court, shall choose four judicious persons, three of whom shall be chosen by the commissioners, and one by the court, together with three other such persons to be chosen by the said Henry Conrad, his heirs or assigns; and the persons so chosen as aforesaid, shall proceed to estimate the value of the said bridge, and the sum agreed on by a majority of them, shall be reported to the next court of quarter sessions; and if the court approve the same, the said commissioners shall draw a warrant in favour of said Henry Conrad, his heirs or assigns, on the treasury of the said county for the amount of the said sum, and on payment or tender thereof, the said bridge shall be free; but if the said Henry Conrad, his heirs or assigns, shall at any time, on reasonable notice, refuse or neglect to choose three persons in the manner herein before mentioned, the said commissioners may proceed with the persons by them and the court so appointed, ex parte, in making the valuation, and the same proceedings shall be thereupon had as if the said Henry Conrad, his heirs or assigns, had chosen the persons in the manner herein before mentioned.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all persons attending divine worship, or funerals, military training, and township or general elections, shall have liberty at any time to pass and re-pass over said bridge toll free.

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

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

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXXVII.

*An ACT to erect several new election districts within this commonwealth, and to change the places of holding the general elections of several existing election districts.*

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 electors of the several election districts hereinafter mentioned, shall hold their general elections within the said districts at the following places, *to wit,* the electors of the district composed of Fairfield township, and a part of Fallowfield township, in Crawford county, shall hold their general elections at

Election district.

In Crawford county.