

and directors, nominate and appoint a chairman and secretary to preserve order, and all objections to the accounts and official conduct of the president and directors, then to be offered, shall be addressed to the chairman, and also the defence of the president and directors; and if the said accounts and official conduct shall be approved by a majority of the taxable inhabitants who may be present, it shall be so certified in the public books in which their proceedings are entered, and signed by the chairman, and countersigned by the secretary, which shall be final and conclusive; but if a majority should not approve as aforesaid, any persons who may think themselves aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this act, may appeal to the next court of quarter sessions to be held for the proper county, upon giving security according to law, to prosecute his, her, or their appeal with effect; and the court having taken such order therein as shall seem to them just and reasonable, the same shall be conclusive against all parties.

How grievances may be redressed.

Power in the legislature to repeal.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the nonuser of the powers herein given, shall not work a forfeiture of them; but nothing herein contained, shall be deemed or taken as a promise from the legislature not to repeal or abridge them at any subsequent period.

Limitation for the recovery of fines.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no fine incurred under the provisions of this act, shall be recoverable, unless the same shall be sued for within thirty days after the same shall have been incurred.

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

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLXIV.

An ACT to authorize the governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for erecting a bridge over the river Tioga, at the village of Athens or Tioga Point.

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 Henry Wells, John F. Satterlee, John Shepard, David Paine, Stephen Hopkins, Clement Paine Thomas Overton, and William Means, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to do and perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, they shall on or before the first day of May next, provide a book or books as they shall think necessary, and write therein as follows: "We whose names are herewith subscribed,

Commissioners appointed.

To procure books, &c.

do promise to pay to the president, managers, and company, for erecting a bridge over the river Tioga at Athens, on Tioga point, the sum of fifty dollars for every share of stock in the said company set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and proportions, and at such times as shall be determined by the president and managers in pursuance of an act of the general assembly, entitled an act to authorize the governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Tioga, at the village of Athens, on Tioga point;” and shall thereupon proceed to receive subscriptions for the stock of the said company at such times and places as they shall think proper; *Provided always*, that every person offering to subscribe as aforesaid, in his name or any other name, shall previously pay to the attending commissioner, five dollars for every share to be subscribed, which shall be paid over to the treasurer of the corporation, as soon as the same shall be organized, and the officers chosen as hereinafter mentioned.

And receive subscriptions.

Proviso.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when one hundred shares in the said stock are subscribed for, the said commissioners respectively may certify under their hands and seals, the names of the subscribers and the number of shares subscribed by each subscriber, to the governor of this commonwealth; and thereupon it shall and may be lawful for the governor, by letters patent under his hand, and seal of the state, to create and erect the subscribers, and those who shall afterwards subscribe, into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style, and title of, “The president, managers and company for erecting a bridge over the river Tioga, at Athens, or Tioga Point;” and by the said name the said subscribers shall have perpetual succession, and all 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 intention of this act; and of taking, purchasing, and holding, to them and their successors and assigns, in fee simple or for any less estate, all such lands, tenements, and estates, real and personal, as shall be necessary and convenient to them in the prosecution of their works, and the same to sell and dispose of at their pleasure; and of suing and being sued, and of doing all and every other matter or thing which a corporation or body politic may lawfully do.

When one hundred shares are subscribed, the commissioners may certify the same to the governor. Who may thereupon incorporate the subscribers. Style and powers of the corporation.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the eight persons first named in the said letters patent, shall, as soon as conveniently may be after sealing the same, give notice in one or more newspaper, of a time and place by them to be appointed, not less than thirty days from the time of issuing the first notice, at which time and place the said subscribers shall

The subscribers to be notified to meet and organize the corporation.

Officers to
be chosen.

Number of
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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 four managers, one treasurer, and such other officers as they shall think necessary to conduct the business of said company for one year, and until other officers shall be chosen; and may make such by-laws, orders, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this commonwealth, as shall be necessary for the well-ordering the affairs of the said company; *Provided*, that no person shall have more than twenty votes at any election, or in determining any question arising at such meetings, whatever number of shares he or she may be entitled to, and that each person shall be entitled to one vote for every share by him or her held under the said number.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, twelfth, fourteenth, and fifteenth sections of the act, entitled "An act to authorize the governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Lehigh, near the town of Northampton," passed March the twenty-seventh, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, are hereby declared to be equally binding and obligatory upon the said company intended to be incorporated by this act, except that part of the seventh section which directs publications in certain newspapers.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when a good and complete bridge is erected over the said river Tioga, at Athens, the property of the said bridge shall be vested in the said company as aforesaid, their successors and assigns, forever; and the said company, their successors and assigns, may demand and receive toll at the same rate and in every respect be governed by the same rules, which are prescribed by the ninth section of the aforesaid act entitled "An act to authorize the governor to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Lehigh, near the town of Northampton."

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

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

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLXV.

An ACT ascertaining the overplus land in the triangular tract, on Lake Erie, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS it appears that three hundred and ninety warrants for four hundred acres of land, each amounting to one