

house, with the use in common of the entry and stairway, to the proprietor of the Museum, at the rate of four hundred dollars per annum, and should the proprietor of the Museum refuse to accept the apartments thus allotted him, at the rate prescribed by this act, then the said commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to let the same to the best and highest bidder: *Provided*, That the said commissioners shall not have power to lease the said house, or any part thereof, at any one time for a term exceeding one year: *And provided also*, That no expense to be incurred for repairs, shall exceed the amount of rent for the same time.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the rents and profits arising by this act shall be, and the same are hereby appropriated, under the directions and management of the aforesaid commissioners, to the improvements and repairs of the said state house; and it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, to keep a fair account of the receipts and expenses, and annually transmit a copy thereof to the auditor general. How rents shall be appropriated

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That so much of the resolution of the legislature, passed the seventeenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two, as directs that it shall be the duty of Charles Wilson Peale, to take charge and care of the state house, be, and the same is hereby repealed. Resolution of 1802 repealed.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed in anywise to prevent the judges of the supreme court, and the judges of the district court, from holding their several courts in the state house, as they heretofore have done. Courts may still be continued in said building.

JACOB HOLGATE, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXIX.

AN ACT to enable the governor to incorporate a company to make an artificial road, commencing where the Flat Rock bridge road intersects the Ridge turnpike road, near Robinson's mill, from thence up the river Schuylkill to said bridge, from the west end of the bridge up the river Schuylkill to the Gulph creek, thence the shortest and best route to the Gulph road, near the bridge below the Bird-in-Hand tavern, in Montgomery county.

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 Lewis Rush and James Traquair, of the city of Philadelphia, Joseph Starne, Horatio Gates Jones and William Alexander, of the county of Philadelphia, Abijah Stevens, Lloyd Jones, Conrad Commissioners named.

Kreckbaum and Lewellin Young, of Montgomery county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several things hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, They shall, on or before the first Monday of June next, procure one or more books, and enter therein as follows: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers and company of the Flat Rock bridge turnpike road, the sum of fifty dollars for every share of stock in said company, set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and proportion, 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, entitled "An act to enable the governor to incorporate a company for making an artificial road, commencing where the Flat Rock bridge road intersects the Ridge turnpike road, near Robinson's mill, from thence up the river Schuylkill to said bridge, from the west end of the bridge up the river Schuylkill to the Gulph creek, thence the shortest and best route to the Gulph road, near the bridge below the Bird-in-Hand tavern, in Montgomery county." And shall, thereupon, give notice in two of the public newspapers printed in Philadelphia, and two in the county of Montgomery, two weeks at least, of the times and places when and where the said books shall be opened 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 all persons of lawful age, who shall offer, to subscribe in the said books, in their own names, or in the names of any other persons who shall duly authorize the same, for any number of shares in the said stock, and said books shall be kept open respectively, for the purpose aforesaid, at least six hours in every juridical day for the space of four days, or until the books shall have nine hundred shares therein subscribed; and if, at the expiration of the said four days, the books aforesaid shall not have the number of shares aforesaid therein subscribed, the said commissioners may adjourn from time to time until the whole number of shares shall be subscribed, of which adjournments, the commissioners aforesaid shall give such public notice as the occasion may require, and when the whole number of shares subscribed in the said books, shall amount to nine hundred, 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 said corporation, as soon as the same shall be organized; and the officers chosen, as hereinafter mentioned.

Price of shares.

Route of the road.

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

\$5 to be paid at the time of subscribing.

When letters patent may issue.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when thirty persons or more have subscribed four hundred and fifty 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 he shall, by letters patent under his hand 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, in one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The President, Managers and Company of the Flat Rock bridge 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 estates, real and personal, as shall be necessary to them in the prosecution of their work, 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.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the commissioners aforesaid, as soon as conveniently may be, after the said letters patent shall be obtained, shall give notice in two of the public papers printed in Philadelphia, and in two printed in Montgomery county, of a time and place by them to be appointed, not less than ten days from the publication of the first notice, at which time and place the 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 eight 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 other officers shall be chosen, and shall and may make such by-laws, rules, orders and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, and this state, as shall be necessary for the well-ordering the affairs of the said company; and generally have like powers, authorities and privileges necessary for carrying on and completing the said turnpike road, and be subject to all the duties, qualifications, restrictions, penalties, fines and forfeitures, and be entitled to the like tolls and profits, in proportion to the distance, as are given and granted to "The president, managers and company of the Great Valley and Wilmington turnpike road:" *Provided,* That if the said company shall not proceed to carry on the said work in three years after the passing of this act, or shall not within seven years afterwards complete the said road, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, then, in either of these cases, all and singular the rights, liberties and franchises hereby granted to the said company, shall revert to this commonwealth.

JACOB HOLGATE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

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