

certified to Connecticut claimants, under the provisions of the act offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants of land in the seventeen townships in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed the fourth day of April, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, and its supplements, and that the said Christian Croll was fully, fairly and exclusively entitled to the said land, except the holders of the certificates granted to Connecticut claimants under the act aforesaid and its supplements, they shall ascertain the amount paid into the treasury of this Commonwealth by the said Christian Croll, or those under whom he claims, for the said land, and calculate the interest upon the same, and shall issue a certificate of the aggregate thereof to the heirs of the said Christian Croll; and the state treasurer is hereby directed to pay the amount out of any unappropriated money in the treasury: *Provided*, That the heirs of Christian Croll, deceased, *Proviso*. release to the Commonwealth all the right and title they respectively have in and to the lands aforesaid.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the
House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXXIV.

AN ACT

Authorising the Governor to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Berwick, in Columbia county, by the best and nearest route to Williamsport, in Lycoming county.

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 John Borrows, Abraham Grafius, Jonathau Smith, Benjamin Warner, of Lycoming county, and John Brown, David C. Owen, of Columbia county, be, and they hereby are appointed commissioners to do and perform the several things hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, They shall, on or before the first day of August next, procure two or more books, and in each of them enter, as follows: "We, whose names are Commissioners names. Duty of.

hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers and company of the Berwick and Williamsport turnpike road, the sum of one hundred 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 of the said company, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, entitled 'An act authorising the Governor to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Berwick, in Columbia county, by the best and nearest route to Williamsport, in Lycoming county.' Witness our hands the

day of _____ in the year one thousand eight hundred and ____." And shall thereupon give notice in at least one paper printed in each of the counties of Columbia, Lycoming and Northumberland, for one calendar month at least, 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 one of the said commissioners shall attend, and permit all persons of lawful age to subscribe in said books, until the number of five hundred shares shall be subscribed, after which the books shall be closed: *Provided*, That every person offering to subscribe in the said books in his own name, or in the name of any other person, shall previously pay to the attending commissioner or commissioners ten dollars for every share to be subscribed, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses attending the taking of 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 hereinafter mentioned.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when twenty or more persons shall have subscribed one hundred or more shares in the said books, the said commissioners respectively may, and when the whole number of shares shall be subscribed, shall certify, under their hands and seals the names of the subscribers, and the number of shares by them subscribed, to the Governor, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Governor, by letters patent, under his hand and the seal of the state, to erect and create the subscribers, and if the subscription be not full at the time, then those who shall thereafter subscribe to the number aforesaid, into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The Berwick and Williamsport Turnpike Company;" and by the said name the said subscribers shall have perpetual succession, and all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, and shall be capable of taking and holding their capital stock and the increase and profits thereof, and of enlarging the same 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

When and where the books shall be opened.

Proviso.

Governor to issue letters patent.

Style of the company,

and powers of.

their successors and assigns, in fee simple, or for any less estate, all such lands, tenements, hereditaments 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 thing which a corporation or body politic may lawfully do.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the six persons first named in the letters patent, as soon as conveniently may be, after sealing the same, shall give notice in at least three newspapers printed in the counties of Columbia, Lycoming and Northumberland, 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 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 Of the organization of the company. duly authorised, one president, six 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 may make such by-laws, rules, orders and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state or of the United States, as shall be necessary for the well-ordering of the affairs of the corporation; and the said company, when thus incorporated, shall have power, and is hereby authorised to make an artificial turnpike road, commencing at Berwick, in Columbia county, and from thence pursuing the nearest and best route to Williamsport, in Lycoming county; and generally to have all the powers, authorities and privileges necessary for carrying on and completing, maintaining and keeping in repair the said road, and shall receive like tolls, and be subject to all the duties, qualifications, restrictions, penalties, fines and forfeitures, which are given and granted to or imposed upon the president, managers and company of the Susquehanna and Lehigh turnpike road, in and by an act passed the nineteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and four. Election of officers.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the company shall not proceed to carry on the said work in five years after the passing of this act, or shall not within five years thereafter complete the said road, the rights, liberties and franchises hereby granted to the company shall revert to this Commonwealth. Company to possess similar powers with the Susquehanna and Lehigh turnpike company.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.