

under the laws of Pennsylvania, in case the said Rebecca Young had died after her husband possessed thereof and intestate.

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.

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## CHAPTER CXLV.

### AN ACT

To prevent the practice of wagering or betting on elections.

WHEREAS the practice of laying wages or bets on the event of any elections on the success of candidates for public offices, has a great tendency to promote immorality and corruption :

Therefore,

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 wagering or betting on the event of an election, held under the constitution or laws of the United States, or the constitution or laws of this Commonwealth, are hereby prohibited, and all contracts or promises founded thereon are declared to be entirely null and void.

Betting on  
elections  
prohibited.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person shall, after the first day of August next, lay any wager or bet, or make any promise or engagement for the payment of money or the transfer of any other valuable thing, dependent on the event of any such election as aforesaid, or on the success of any candidate or candidates nominated for public office, he shall, on conviction thereof in any court of quarter sessions, or other court having similar jurisdiction, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in any sum not exceeding the whole amount of the sum betted by all the parties to the wager, nor less sum than twenty dollars: *Provided,* That such prosecution shall be

Penalty on  
betting.

Provisio.

commenced within six months after the offence shall have been committed.

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## CHAPTER CXLVI.

### AN ACT

Authorising the Governor to incorporate two companies for making an artificial road from the city of Pittsburg, through Butler and Mercer to Meadville.

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 for the purpose of making an artificial or turnpike road, to commence at the north end of the bridge (about to be built) over the Allegheny river opposite the city of Pittsburg, through Butler and Mercer to Meadville, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Commonwealth to incorporate two companies, on the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned and provided; one company for making so much of the said road as may lay between the city of Pittsburg and the boroughs of Butler and Mercer, to be known by the name and style of "The Pittsburg, Butler and Mercer Turnpike Road Company;" and one other company for making so much of said road as may lay between the borough of Mercer and the town of Meadville, to be known by the name and style of the "Mercer and Meadville Turnpike Road Company."

Two companies to be incorporated.

Style of the corporations.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That Henry Baldwin and William Robeson, of the city of Pittsburg, William Campbell and Jacob Mecklin, of the borough of Butler, James Miller and Bevan Pearson, of the borough of Mercer, for the Pittsburg, Butler and Mercer turnpike road company, John Reynolds and Thomas Atkinson, of the town of Meadville, Joseph Smith and Jacob Herrington, of Mercer, for the Mercer and Meadville turnpike road com-

Commissioners named.