

quarter sessions of one or more of the counties through which the said road may pass.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the tenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

## CHAPTER LXXXII.

### AN ACT

Authorising John Neal to build a Toll Bridge across the Monongahela river, in the counties of Washington and Westmoreland, at the town of Columbia.

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 it shall and may be lawful for John Neal, his heirs and assigns, to erect, build, support and maintain a good and substantial bridge over and across the Monongahela river, at the town of Columbia, in Washington county, and that the property of said bridge when built, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said John Neal, his heirs and assigns forever; and that the said John Neal, his heirs and assigns, may demand and receive toll from travellers and others, not exceeding the following rates, viz. For every coach, landau, phaeton, chair or other pleasurable carriage, for each horse drawing the same, fifteen cents; for every waggon or cart for each horse drawing the same, twelve and half cents; for every sleigh or sled, ten cents for each horse drawing the same; for every single horse and rider, six cents; for every horse or mule, four cents; for every foot passenger, one cent; for each head of horned cattle, two cents; for each sheep or swine, one cent; and for all waggons or 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 in computing the toll, and each mule as equal to one horse; *Provided,* That no toll shall be demanded or taken from any person or persons attending funerals or divine worship, from militia men going to and returning from muster on days of training,

Site of the bridge.

Property in it vested.

Rates of toll.

Proviso.

2d proviso.

from persons going to and returning from school, or from persons going to or returning from general, special or township elections: *And provided*, That nothing in this act shall extend to authorise the said John Neal, his heirs or assigns, to erect or build a bridge on any private property without the consent of the owner or owners thereof, or to erect the same in such manner as in any way to interrupt or injure the navigation of said river, or the passage over any ford across the same where the said bridge may be erected.

Accounts to be rendered triennially.

Profits not to exceed 15 per cent, nor be less than 8.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said John Neal, his heirs and assigns, every third year from and after completing the said bridge, shall lay before the court of quarter sessions of the proper county an abstract of his accounts, including the capital expended and of the income and profits of the same; and if it shall appear to said court, at the end of either of the said triennial periods, that the profits shall have exceeded fifteen per centum per annum on the capital so expended, the toll shall then be reduced, so that the clear profits shall not exceed fifteen per centum on the capital stock expended thereon; and if the clear profits shall be less than eight per centum per annum, the said court of quarter sessions shall, by their order, raise the toll in such manner as that the same shall not be less than eight per centum per annum.

Time of commencing and completing.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if the said John Neal shall not commence the building of said bridge within five years from the passing of this act, and complete the same within two years thereafter, then the privileges herein granted shall cease and determine.

Proceeding in case the bridge is left out of repair for one week.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That [if] the said John Neal, his heirs or assigns, shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good order and repair, so that the same shall become dangerous or difficult for travellers or others to cross the same, for the space of one week, and information thereof shall be given to any justice of the peace of the county of Washington, the said justice shall forthwith issue his precept, directed to any constable of said county, commanding him to summons three intelligent and judicious citizens of the said county, whose names shall be inserted by the said justice in the precept aforesaid, to meet at a time certain, to be mentioned in said precept, (not exceeding three days,) at the bridge aforesaid, of which meeting reasonable notice shall be given to the owner or owners of said bridge, their agent or some one or more of them, and the said justice shall attend said meeting, and shall administer an oath or affirmation to each of the citizens aforesaid, who shall then view and enquire whether the said bridge is in good order and repair as aforesaid; and if upon such inquisition, it should appear to them that the said bridge is not in good order and repair as aforesaid, and has been in that state for one week, it shall be their duty to make report thereof in writing, under

Justice on information given to summon three citizens to inquire and report.

Oath or affirmation to be taken.

their hands, unto the justice aforesaid, who shall, on receipt thereof, deliver a certified copy of said report to the owner or owners of said bridge or their agent, and from thenceforth the tolls hereby granted shall cease to be demanded or collected, until the defective parts of said bridge shall be put in good order and repair as aforesaid, and each of the said citizens shall receive one dollar for each day he shall necessarily spend in performing said duty; and the justice of the peace shall receive for his services, required by this section, the same fees that are allowed to justices in the general fee bill, for holding inquisition in case of landlord and tenant; and the constable, the same fees and mileage as in other cases; which fees and expense shall be paid by the owner or owners of the said bridge, or their agent, in case it should appear there was just cause of complaint at the time information was made, or by the informer, in case it should appear there was not just cause; and the said justice is hereby authorised to issue his warrant (if need be) for the recovery of the same.

On a certified copy of the report being delivered, tolls to cease till repairs made.

Pay of the viewers.

Justice's fee.

Constable's fee.

How paid and recovered.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said bridge herein authorised to be erected, when completed, with respect to declaring the same a free bridge, shall be on the same footing of the bridge authorised to be erected by Isaac Meason and Zachariah Connell, across the Youghiogeny, at Connelsville, in Fayette county, by an act of general assembly, passed the fifteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred, in the same manner as if the provisions of that act were herein re-enacted.

Placed on the same footing, as to declaring it free, as the bridge authorised at Connelsville.

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CHAPTER LXXXIII.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act authorising the Governor to incorporate the Easton Water Company.

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