

act, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full for his services aforesaid.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker*

of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

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CHAPTER CV.

An ACT to enable the Governor to incorporate a Company to make an artificial road from the east end of Perkiomen bridge in the county of Montgomery, passing through Pottsgrove, and passing by the White-horse tavern, in Amity township, in Berks county, to the borough of Reading.

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 Toland, Robert E. Hobart, and Samuel White, of the city of Philadelphia; Andrew Todd, Samuel Gross, and Matthew Brooke, of Montgomery county; Frederick Smith, William Witman, James Meay, Valentine Boyer, and David Rutter, of Berks county, and Daniel Montgomery, Joseph Priestly, and Christopher Baldy, of Northumberland 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 in June next, procure three books, and in each of them enter as follows: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers and company of the Perkiomen and Reading 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 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 to enable the governor to incorporate a company for making an artificial road from the east end of Perkiomen bridge, in the county of Montgomery, passing through Pottsgrove, and passing by the White-horse tavern, in Amity township, in Berks county, to the borough of Reading," and shall thereupon give notice in two of the public newspapers of the city of Philadelphia, Norristown, Reading, and Northumberland, for one calendar month at least, of the times and places when and where, the said books shall be kept open to receive subscriptions for the stock of the said company, and the

Commissioners named.

Who shall procure three books, Entry therein.

Notice of the time and places for opening the books.

said books shall be kept open until the said books shall have two thousand shares therein subscribed, when the same shall be closed. *Provided always*, That every person offering to subscribe in the said books, in his own 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 corporation as soon as the same shall be organized and the officers chosen as hereafter mentioned.

When 2000 shares are subscribed, the books shall be closed. \$ 5 to be paid on each share at subscribing. Appropriation of.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when one thousand shares of the said stock shall be subscribed, 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 of this commonwealth; and thereupon, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor 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 into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style, and title of "The President, Managers, and Company of the Perkiomen and Reading 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 less estate, all such lands, tenements, hereditaments and estates, real and personal, as shall be necessary to them in the prosecution of their works, 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.

When 1000 shares are subscribed, the Commissioners shall certify the same to the Governor.

Who shall thereupon erect the subscribers into a body politic. Style and title of. And privileges.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the commissioners aforesaid as soon as conveniently may be after said letters patent, shall be sealed and obtained, shall give notice in two of the public newspapers, in the city of Philadelphia, Norristown, Reading, and Northumberland papers, of a time and place by them to be appointed, not less than twenty days from the publication of 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, duly

Notice to be given of the organization of the corporation.

Officers to be chosen. authorized one president and twelve managers, one treasurer, one secretary, 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 the said managers so chosen, and their successors shall and may make such by-laws, rules, orders and regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this commonwealth 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 like tolls and profits, in proportion to the distance as are given and granted to the president, managers, and company of the Centre Turnpike Road; *Provided however:* That the artificial part of the road shall in no case be less than eighteen feet in width, and that the penalty attached to the non-payment of the installments due from the subscribers, shall not exceed one per cent per month. *And provided also,*

Powers of. That the justices of the peace within the counties of Berks and Montgomery, shall have the same powers and authorities which the justices of the peace of Berks and Northumberland counties, have by virtue of the ninth section of the act incorporating the Centre Turnpike Road, leading from Reading to Sunbury.

Restrictions imposed on. **SECT. IV.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the president and managers of the said Turnpike Road shall have the like power of farming out the tolls, as is granted to the president and managers of the Easton and Wilkesbarre Turnpike Road company, by the twentieth section of the act incorporating the said company.

Road not to be less than 18 feet wide. **SECT. V.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That said company shall not erect a gate to receive toll within one mile of Perkiomen, and Manatawny Bridges.

Proviso as to the powers of justices, &c. **SECT. VI.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if one thousand shares of the stock of said company be not actually subscribed as aforesaid, within four years from the passing of this act, then the powers and privileges hereby granted to the said company, shall cease, and the subscribers shall have right and power to call on the president and managers for their proportional shares of the sum by them respectively paid, after deducting their proportions of the reasonable expenses that shall have been actually paid or incurred.

Tolls may be farmed, &c.

No gate to be erected within one mile of Perkiomen and Manatawny Bridges.

If 1,000 shares be not subscribed in four years the corporation to be dissolved.

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