

his wife, dissolved, &c.
 Proviso.

solved as fully as if they were never joined in wedlock: *Provided*, nothing herein contained, shall be so construed or understood so as to render illegitimate the offspring of the said William and Isabella had during the coverture.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
 P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLXXIX.

An ACT to authorize the governor to appoint commissioners for the purpose of laying out a state road.

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 the governor be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint three disinterested commissioners, one of whom shall be a practical surveyor, but neither of them an inhabitant of Fayette or Greene counties, to lay out and mark a state road from the intersection of the state road, (leading from the white horse tavern on the top of the Allegheny mountain, through Berlin in Somerset county, and Connelsville in Fayette county,) with the United States turnpike road, by the nearest and best route for a public road, to the town of Waynesburg in Greene county, and thence by the nearest and best route to the western boundary of this state, in a proper direction towards the flats of Grave creek; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall proceed to perform the duties by this act required of them, on or before the first Monday of June next, and shall cause a draught of the said road to be deposited in the office of the secretary of this commonwealth, and shall also deposit a copy of said draught in the office of the clerk of quarter sessions of the respective counties through which said road may pass, which shall be a record of said road, and from thenceforth shall be, to all intents and purposes, a public highway, and shall be opened and repaired in all respects as other roads are opened and repaired, which are laid out by order of the court of quarter sessions, in said counties.

Governor to appoint three commissioners.

Their duty.

When to be performed.

And deposit a copy of the draught, &c.

Commissioners shall take an oath, &c.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That each of the said commissioners, before they enter upon the duties of their appointment, shall take and subscribe, before some justice of the peace, an oath or affirmation, faithfully and impartially to perform the duties required of them by this act; and they shall each receive two dollars for each day they shall

be necessarily employed in the said work, together with a reasonable allowance for chain carriers, and one marker ; and the accounts of said commissioners shall be adjusted and settled by the accountant officers, in the usual manner, and their accounts paid by the state treasurer out of the state funds. When accounts shall be settled by the accountant officers.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLXXX.

An ACT for the relief of William Tenant, an old soldier, wounded at the storming of Stony Point.

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* the state treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay William Tenant, of Lancaster county, or order, the sum of forty dollars immediately after the passing of this act. § 40 to be paid to W. Tenant.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLXXXI.

An ACT to validate and confirm the proceedings of certain justices of the peace, of the county of Centre, and of Frederick Haymaker, a justice of the peace of the county of Crawford.

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* all acknowledgments of deeds, powers of attorney, and other instruments of writing, taken prior to the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, before justices of the peace who had been commissioned for districts within the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming, or Huntingdon, which were included within the county of Centre, by the act for erecting the said county of Centre into a separate county, and all judgments rendered by the said justices prior to the said first day of January last, and all other the official and judicial acts of the said The acts of justices in certain cases validated.