

CHAPTER CXLII.

An ACT directing an enquiry into the right and authority of the Erie and Waterford turnpike road company, to demand and receive tolls.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to the Legislature, that the president and managers of the Erie and Waterford turnpike road company, have been refused a licence by the governor on a representation to him made, that the said road has not been completed according to law, and that nevertheless, the said president and managers have been and still are demanding and receiving tolls, from persons using said road, without a license; *And whereas*, the time limited by law for completing said road is now expired, and as this commonwealth has considerable stock and interest in said road, it therefore becomes necessary to enquire into the situation of the said road and the affairs of said company: 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 it shall be the duty of the governor to appoint three disinterested persons, whose duty it shall be to view said road, and make report on oath or affirmation, to the governor, whether the said road is completed, agreeably to the act of incorporation, and if the report be that the said road is so finished and completed, the governor is hereby required, to grant a license; and it shall and may be lawful for the president and managers aforesaid, after receiving such license, to erect gates, and receive tolls, in the manner specified in the act of incorporation aforesaid, and in order that the next legislature may be able to decide whether the rights and privileges of said company have not reverted to the commonwealth, it shall be the duty of said president and managers to furnish the next legislature with a statement, on oath or affirmation, of all monies expended or received as tolls, &c. And the governor shall also furnish said legislature with a copy of said report and all information that he may possess respecting the same.

Commissioners to be appointed, &c.

And the right of the Erie turnpike company to receive toll, to be ascertained.

JOHN ST. CLAIR, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

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