

CHAPTER XLIII.

A further SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An act for laying out, making and keeping in repair the public roads and highways within this commonwealth, and for laying out private roads."

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 from and after the first Monday of September next, it shall and may be lawful for the viewers appointed by any court of quarter sessions, under the authority given by the twenty-first section of the act to which this is a supplement, to change the route of a road crossing any river, creek or rivulet, over which a bridge is intended to be erected, if in the opinion of the viewers, together with the county commissioners, or a majority of them, to be approved by the court, such change or varying the bed* of the road would be an improvement and saving of expenses in the erection of the bridge: *Provided* such alteration in the route will not materially increase the distance of the road, nor injure or materially increase the distance of other roads entering into or leading out of the same; and the like proceeding shall be had in compensating the owners of the land through which the said road passes, as is provided for by the fourteenth section of the act to which this is a supplement.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in every case where an alteration shall be made in the route of a road, for the purpose of obtaining a better scite for the erection of a bridge as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the viewers to cause the variation to be accurately surveyed, and a map or plot thereof to be made, which shall accompany their report.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all viewers, whether for roads or scites for bridges, appointed by any court of quarter sessions, after the first Monday of September next, shall, before they enter upon the duties assigned them, take an oath or affirmation before some judge, alderman or justice of the peace, that they will perform the duties of their appointment with impartiality and fidelity, and shall state in their return that they were sworn or affirmed; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court of quarter sessions, from which such order of view shall be issued, to direct therein, that the viewers thereby appointed, shall, before they enter on their duties, be respectively sworn or affirmed.

JACOB HOLGATE, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives.*

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

* The word "bed" omitted in the original.