

gular the rights and privileges hereby granted to the said company.

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

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXXIV.

An ACT to incorporate the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Steam Boat Company.

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 members of the association called and known by the name of "The President and Trustees of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Steam Boat Company," and those persons who shall hereafter become members, according to the provisions of an act, passed by the state of New Jersey, entitled "An act to incorporate the Pennsylvania and New Jersey steam boat company," and by the said name shall have perpetual succession, and all the power, privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, and shall have like power and authority to establish a ferry in the district of Southwark, in the county of Philadelphia, for the purpose of conveying persons and property across the river Delaware, to Kaigh's Point, in the state of New Jersey, with as full and ample powers, privileges, franchises and emoluments, and subject also to such restrictions and penalties as are provided in the act of the state of New Jersey, entitled "An act to incorporate the Pennsylvania and New Jersey steam boat company," passed the eleventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen; which act shall be, and have as full effect as if passed by the legislature of this commonwealth, and shall be annexed to and published with the laws of this commonwealth.*

Name of the company.

Powers of.

Jersey law to be annexed hereto.

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

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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

SIMON SNYDER.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

† An act to incorporate the Pennsylvania and New Jersey steam boat company.

I. *BE it enacted by the Council and General Assembly of this state, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That all and every the persons who shall, at the time of the passing of this act, be members of the association called and known by the name of "The president and trustees of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey steam boat company," and those persons who shall hereafter become members, according to the provisions hereinafter contained, shall be, and they are hereby created and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name, style or title of "The president and trustees of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey steam boat company," and they and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall and may have continual succession, during the term of twenty-one years from and after the passing of this act, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all courts of record or elsewhere, and to purchase, receive, have, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattles, of what nature, kind or quality soever, real, personal or mixed, or choses in action, and the same from time to time to sell, grant, alien, demise, mortgage, pledge or dispose of, and also to make and have a common seal, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure; and also to ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations as shall appear necessary and convenient for the government of the said corporation, not being contrary to the constitution and laws of the United States, of this state, or of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which to them it shall lawfully appertain to do, for the well being of the said corporation, and the due management and ordering of the affairs thereof: *Provided*, That the clear yearly income of the said real estate shall not at any time exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

II. *AND BE IT ENACTED*, That all the joint stock, and all other the estate, real, personal and mixed, and all the securities, dues, claims and demands, and all the records, books, papers, vouchers and other documents whatsoever, in anywise belonging to, or held or claimed by the said association of citizens, at the time of the passing of this act, shall be transferred to and vested in the said corporation of "The president and trustees of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey steam boat company," hereby created, as absolutely and completely, to all intents and purposes, as the same respectively shall then belong to or be held and claimed by the said association of citizens, or by their officers and agents for their use, and also all the contracts and other engagements, debts, obligations and assumptions whatsoever of the said association of citizens, entered into, made, subsisting, due and payable, or to become due and payable at the time of the passing of this act, shall thenceforth become and be as obligatory and binding upon the said incorporation of "The president and trustees of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey steam

boat company," hereby created, to all intents and purposes as if the same respectively had been entered into, made and contracted by the said company subsequent to the incorporation thereof: *Provided always; nevertheless,* That nothing herein contained shall in anywise be construed to impair the obligation of any contract, at any time entered into by the said association of citizens.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the passing of this act, the following constitution shall be deemed the constitution of the corporation of "The president and trustees of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey steam boat company," hereby created, that is to say,

Article 1. The capital stock of the president and trustees of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey steam boat company, shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each; and the present capital stock of the company may, at any time, be increased to that amount, or to such extent as shall be deemed necessary to complete the establishment, at the discretion of the president and board of trustees, by increasing the number of shares to that extent, and opening books to receive subscriptions therefor; the said capital stock to be employed by the president and trustees of the said company, for the establishment of a steam boat or boats and ferry, for the conveyance of persons, carriages, &c. across the river Delaware, to ply between Kaighn's Point, in New Jersey, and the district of Southwark, in the state of Pennsylvania.

Article 2. A general meeting of the stockholders shall be held on the first Monday in November next, and on the first Monday in November in each succeeding year, at such place as the president and trustees from time to time may appoint, whereof at least two weeks prior notice shall be given in three daily newspapers published in the city of Philadelphia, and two newspapers published in New Jersey; and the said stockholders, between the hours of ten and three o'clock of that day, shall, in person or by proxy, elect by ballot, by a majority of votes of them or their proxies present, each being entitled to one vote for every share of stock by them respectively held, twelve trustees, being stockholders, to serve for one year next after their election, and until their successors are chosen: *Provided always, nevertheless,* That Robert Ritchie, Peter Murkin, John W. Thompson, John Workman, John Y. Bryant, Francis Johnston, Peter Scravendyke, John C. Stocker, Joseph Kaighn, James Sloan, Joseph Rogers and William E. Hopkins, shall be the present trustees, and shall continue in office until the first Monday in November, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and until others are chosen.

Article 3. In case either or any of the trustees shall transfer the whole of his or their shares of stock in this company, the office of such trustee or trustees shall thereupon be vacated, and in case any vacancy or vacancies shall appear therein, by death, resignation, refusal to serve, or otherwise, such vacancy or vacancies shall be supplied by such other stockholder or stockholders as a majority of the remaining trustees may appoint, and the trustee or trustees so chosen, shall have the same powers, and be considered in all respects as if elected by the stockholders.

Article 4. The trustees, at their first meeting after their election, shall choose from their body, a president, and from among the stockholders not being a trustee, a treasurer, to serve for one year thereafter, and until their successors are duly chosen; they, the president and trustees, shall meet at such times and places, and be convened in such manner as they from time to time may agree on, for transacting their business, four trustees, with their president, shall form a quorum, for the transaction of business, but if the president is absent, seven trustees shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, who shall then choose a president pro tempore; they shall keep correct minutes of all their transactions, in a book to be provided for that purpose; they shall have full power and authority to agree with, employ, and appoint such engineers, artists, superintendants and others, as they shall think necessary for the making, constructing and finishing, on the most liberal and improved plan, a steam boat or boats, and such wherries and other boats as they may deem expedient; they shall procure, on lease or purchase, suitable sites, landings and accommodations, on both sides of the river Delaware, purchase materials and cause to be built thereon, convenient wharves, docks, piers and slips, fix on and agree with persons employed and engaged in the same, their respective compensations and wages; call on the stockholders for monies due on their respective shares, in such instalments as may be required; and to do such other duties as may be necessary to ensure the completion and conduct the business of the said establishment; and they, the president and trustees, shall have power to pass such by-laws, and to do such acts as may be necessary for the purposes contemplated by this act, and the same shall be binding on the stockholders: *Provided* such by-laws be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of the states of New Jersey or Pennsylvania: and they, the president and trustees, shall, at the annual meetings of the stockholders, prepare and exhibit to them, a correct statement of the affairs of the company.

Article 5. The treasurer shall receive the cash, securities, leases and purchase deeds belonging to the company, and from time to time pay, dispose of, and deliver the same, according to the order of the president, or president pro tempore and a majority of the board of trustees; he shall keep regular and fair books and accounts of his receipts and disbursements; and shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give such bond and security, for the due and faithful discharge thereof, and for accounting for and delivering up to his successor in office, all the monies, securities, deeds and effects which may remain in his hands, as the president and the majority of the board of trustees may require, which bond shall be held by the president; and the treasurer shall receive for his services, such compensation as the said president and trustees shall deem proper.

Article 6. The shares in the capital stock of the said company, shall be assignable and transferable at pleasure, in person or by attorney, in a book to be kept for that purpose, in the presence of the president or treasurer, and not otherwise, subject to the instalments due thereon; and if any stockholder, either of the shares of the present capital stock, or of the shares which may be added thereto,

after twenty days notice given in at least three newspapers of the city of Philadelphia, and two of the state of New Jersey, of the time and place appointed for the payment of any instalment of stock, shall neglect to pay such instalment for ten days next after the time so appointed, every such stockholder shall forfeit, to the use of this company, all his, her or their shares of stock, and every previous payment made thereon, and cease to be a member; which shares of stock, so forfeited, shall and may be sold by the president and trustees for the time being, for such prices as can be had for the same, and the purchaser or purchasers thereof, shall be considered members of this company, as fully as if they had been original stockholders.

Article 7. The president and trustees shall employ an engineer ferryman and other suitable persons, and fix their wages, and purchase the necessary fuel; and the rates of ferriage shall not, at any time, exceed that affixed, or which may hereafter be affixed, by the board of chosen freeholders of the county of Gloucester; a painted copy of which rates of ferriage shall be kept up in some conspicuous place near the ferry dock, and if the company shall neglect or refuse so to put and keep up such rates in manner aforesaid, they shall, for every day they shall so refuse or neglect, forfeit and pay to the overseer of the poor of the township where the offence may be committed, the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt, by any person suing for the same, in any court where the same may be cognizable, and applied to the use of the poor of the said township; and if the master, or other ferrymen, employed in conducting such boat or boats, shall at any time take a higher rate of ferriage than the rates established by the said board of chosen freeholders, they shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen dollars, to be recovered in manner aforesaid, by any person who shall sue for the same; and shall every three months declare a dividend of the clear profits of the company, which shall be paid in ten days thereafter, to the stockholders or their legal representatives, of which notice shall be given in five newspapers published as aforesaid: *Provided*, That such sums be retained from time to time out of such profits, as a contingent fund, at the discretion of the said president and trustees.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained, shall authorize the said company to employ any part of their funds for any other purpose than those before specified in this act: *Provided*, That this act shall not take effect, so far as the same may or shall in anywise affect or impair the concurrent jurisdictional right of the state of Pennsylvania, as existing or settled by concurrent acts between said state and the state of New Jersey, until a law of the said state of Pennsylvania, similar in effect to this act, shall be first obtained.

I, James Linn, secretary of the state of New Jersey, do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a law, passed by the legislature of said state on the eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

(L. S.) Given under my hand and official seal, the day and year aforesaid.

JAMES LINN.

His excellency WILLIAM S. PENNINGTON, governor, captain-general and commander in chief of all the militia and other military force in the state of New Jersey :

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING.

It is hereby made known, that James Linn, who hath subscribed his name to the foregoing certificate, is secretary in and for the state of New Jersey, duly authorized to grant such certificate ; and that, to his acts and attestations as such, full faith and credit ought to be given.

(L. S.) In testimony whereof, the great seal of the state is hereunto affixed. Witness the hand of the said governor, at the city of Trenton, the eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

WILLIAM S. PENNINGTON.

By his excellency's command,
JAMES LINN, secretary.

CHAPTER LXXV.

An ACT for the relief of Jacob Gitt.

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 act entitled "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," passed the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, be, and the same is hereby extended to the case of Jacob Gitt, so as to relieve him from imprisonment, as fully to all intents and purposes as though the said Jacob Gitt had resided within this state for six months, immediately preceding his confinement in the county of Adams.

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

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXXVI.

further SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An act for erecting part of the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntingdon into a separate county."

SECT. I. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*