

this act, nor shall this act be taken or construed to affect any proceedings under the poor laws of this commonwealth.

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

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CX.

An ACT to authorize the governor to incorporate the president, managers and company of the Mill creek turnpike road.

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* Mordecai Lee, Samuel Kendal, Jonas Kern and Henry Levan, of Bucks county, John Hughes, John Mallowny and Daniel Graeff, of Schuylkill county, and Henry Shaeffer & Andrew Albright, of Northumberland county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, They shall, on or before the first day of May next, procure three or more books, and in each of them enter as follows, to wit: "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers and company of the Mill creek turnpike road, leading from the house of David Phillips to John Mallowny's saw-mill, and from thence to John Hughes' saw-mill, and from thence the nearest and best route to Orwigsburg, the sum of twenty dollars each for every share of stock in said company set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and in such proportions, and at such times, as shall be determined by the president and managers of said company, in pursuance of an act of the general assembly, entitled "An act to authorize the governor to incorporate the president, managers and company of the Mill creek turnpike road." Witness our hands the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen." And shall thereupon give public notice in one or more public newspapers, printed in the counties of Northumberland and Berks, for the space of one 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 said company, at which times and places some one of the said commissioners shall attend, and shall permit and suffer all persons to subscribe in the said books, in their own names or the names of any other persons who shall duly authorize the same, for any number of shares in the said stock; and the said books shall be kept open respectively for the purpose aforesaid, at least six

Commissioners names.

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hours in every juridical day for three days, or until said books shall have six hundred shares subscribed, and if at the expiration

of the said three days, the books aforesaid shall not have the number of shares aforesaid therein subscribed, the said commissioners may adjourn from time to time, and transfer the said books elsewhere, until the whole number shall be subscribed for, of which adjournment and transfer, the commissioners aforesaid may give such public notice as occasion may require, and when the whole number of shares subscribed for in all the said books, amount to six hundred, the same shall be closed: *Provided always*, That every person offering to subscribe in said books, in his own name or any other name, shall previously pay to the attending commissioners the sum of two dollars for every share to be subscribed, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses attending the taking of said subscriptions, and all other incidental expenses, 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.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when ten persons or more shall have subscribed one hundred and fifty shares of said stock, the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall certify, under their hands, the names of the subscribers, and the number of shares subscribed for by each, to the governor, 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 subscription be not full at the time, those also who shall afterwards subscribe, 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 Mill creek 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 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 intention of this act; and of purchasing, taking and holding, to them and their successors, and of selling, and of transferring and conveying, in fee simple or for any less estate, all such lands and 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.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the commissioners aforesaid, shall, as soon as conveniently may be, after the said letters patent shall have been issued, give notice in one or more of the public newspapers of the counties of Northumberland and Berks, of the time and place, by them to be appointed, which shall not be 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 company, and shall choose, by a majority of votes of said subscribers, by ballot, to be delivered in person, or by proxy duly authorized, one president and six managers, one treasurer and such other officers as they shall think necessary to conduct the business of the com-

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pany for one year and till other officers shall be chosen, and shall and may make such by-laws, rules, orders and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, or of this state, as shall be necessary for the well-ordering the affairs of the 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*, That the said president and managers shall not be compelled to cut more than twelve feet in width in such parts of the same as may lead through solid rocks, nor more than twenty feet in other difficult parts: *And provided also*, That no toll shall be demanded or taken from any person passing from one part of his or her farm to another part thereof, or to or from any place of worship, funeral, mill, school, election or training: *And provided further*, That if the company shall not proceed to carry on the said works in three years, or shall not, within six years thereafter complete the said road, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, then, in either of these cases, all and singular the rights, liberties and franchises hereby granted to the said company shall revert to this commonwealth.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That as soon as the said company shall have completed five miles or more, from the beginning of the said road, the president and managers shall give notice thereof to the governor, who shall thereupon forthwith appoint three persons to examine the same and report to him, whether the road is executed in a workman-like manner, and if their report shall be in the affirmative, then the governor shall, by license under his hand and the seal of the commonwealth, permit and suffer the president and managers to erect and fix such and so many gates, or turnpikes, upon or across the said road, as will be necessary and sufficient to collect the tolls which the company shall be entitled to demand and receive.

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CHAPTER CXI.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

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