

lawful on any other day, as soon as may be, to hold and make an election for managers in such manner as shall be regulated by the by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the shares shall be transferable on the books of the company only, where the seller as well as the purchaser of the shares shall sign their agreement. Transfer of shares.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the board of managers shall, in the month of April in every year, or oftener if they think proper, declare a dividend of the profits of the company, which shall be paid to the stockholders or their lawful representatives at any time thereafter, by the treasurer, but no dividend shall be made to impair the capital stock of the company. Of declaring dividends.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the stated annual meeting of the stockholders shall be on the first Monday in April in every year hereafter, but on application made in writing to the president of the board of managers, by the owners of not less than one half of the whole stock of the company, it shall be his duty to call a meeting of the stockholders, by leaving a written or printed notice at each of their dwelling houses at least ten days before such intended meeting, or by notice published in one or more newspapers of the county at least ten days before such meeting. Annual meeting of stockholders.

REES HILL, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXXXIII.

An ACT to incorporate the town of Strasburg, in the county of Lancaster.

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 town of Strasburg, in the county of Lancaster, shall be, and the same is hereby erected into a borough, which shall be called “The Borough of Strasburg;” bounded and limited as follows: Beginning at a stone the corner of Widow Herr’s land, thence along lands of George Lefever and John Howry, south seventy-four degrees, west two hundred and six perches and eight-tenths of a perch to a stone; thence along lands of said John Howry, north sixteen degrees, west forty-nine perches and one-half of a perch to a stone; thence along lands of John Kindig, Widow Longnecker, Tobias Herr, and Henry Brechbill, south seventy-four degrees, west two hundred and seventy-six perches and Bounds of the borough.

one-half of a perch to a post; thence along lands of John Kindig and John Brechbill, south fifteen and one-quarter degrees, east one hundred and thirty perches to a stone; thence along lands of Jacob Fritz and John Funk, north seventy-four degrees, east two hundred and thirty-nine perches and one-third of a perch to a stone; thence along lands of said John Funk, south seventeen degrees, east thirty-nine perches and one-half perch to a stone; thence along Abraham Graff's land, north seventy-five degrees and three-fourths of a degree, east two hundred and forty perches and one half of a perch to a stone; thence along lands of Widow Herr, north fifteen degrees, west one hundred and twenty-nine perches and one half of a perch to the place of beginning.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the inhabitants of the said borough, entitled to vote for members of the general assembly, having resided within the said borough at least one year immediately preceding the election, shall have power, on the first Tuesday of April next, and on the first Tuesday in April in every year thereafter, to meet at the house of Thomas Crawford, in said borough, (or at such other place as may hereafter be appointed,) and then and there, between the hours of one and six in the afternoon, elect, by ballot, one citizen residing therein, who shall be styled the chief burgess, one other citizen who shall be styled the assistant burgess, and seven citizens to be a town council, and shall also elect as aforesaid one citizen as high constable, all of whom shall be residents of said borough; but previous to the opening of said election, such of the inhabitants as are present at the said house of Thomas Crawford, or at such other place as may hereafter be appointed, shall elect two citizens as judges, one as inspector, and two as clerks of the said election, which shall be regulated and conducted according to the general election laws of this commonwealth, and who shall be subject to the same penalties for mal-practices as by the said law is imposed; and the said judges, inspectors and clerks, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take an oath or affirmation, before any justice of the peace of said county, to perform the same with fidelity, and after the said election shall be closed shall declare the persons having the greatest number of votes to be duly elected, and in case that any two or more candidates should have an equal number of votes, the preference shall be determined by lot, to be drawn by the two judges in the presence of the inspector and clerks, whereupon duplicate certificates of said election shall be signed by the said judges, one of which shall be transmitted to each of the persons elected, and the other filed among the records of the corporation; and it shall be the duty of the high constable for the preceding year, to give notice in writing to each of the persons so elected as aforesaid; and in case of the death, resignation, removal or refusal to accept of any of the said offices, the burgess, or in his absence or inability to act, the assistant burgess shall issue his precept, directed to the high constable, to hold an election in manner aforesaid to supply such vacancy, giving at least eight days no-

Qualification of electors.

Time of annual election.

Officers to be chosen.

Mode of conducting elections.

Candidates having equal number of votes, how decided.

Duty of high constable.

Of supplying vacancies.

tice by six advertisements set up in the most public places in said borough: *Provided*, That the citizens of the borough of Strasburg aforesaid, shall be entitled to vote at the first election, which is to be held on the first Tuesday in April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, although they have paid no borough tax. Proviso.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That from and after the first Tuesday in April next, the chief burgess, assistant burgess and town council duly elected as aforesaid, and their successors, shall be one body, politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Chief Burgess, Assistant Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Strasburg," and shall have perpetual succession; and the said chief burgess, assistant burgess and town council, and their successors, shall be capable, in law, to have, receive, hold and possess goods and chattels, lands, tenements, rents, liberties, jurisdictions, franchises and hereditaments, to them and their successors, in fee simple or otherwise, not exceeding the yearly value of five thousand dollars, and also to grant, sell, let, and assign the same lands, tenements, hereditaments and rents; and by the name and style aforesaid they shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of law of this commonwealth, in any manner of actions whatsoever, and to have and to use one common seal, and the same from time to time at their will to change and alter, until it be otherwise directed by law. Style of
corporation.

Powers and
privileges.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if any person duly elected as chief burgess, assistant burgess, member of the town council, or high constable as aforesaid, and having received notice thereof as directed by this act, shall refuse or neglect to take upon himself the execution of the said office to which he shall have been elected, or having taken upon himself the duties of said office, shall neglect to discharge the same according to law, every person so refusing or neglecting, shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, which fine, and all other fines and forfeitures incurred and made payable in pursuance of this act, or of any of the by-laws and ordinances of the town council, shall be for the use of the said corporation, and shall be recovered before any justice of the peace of the county of Lancaster, in the same manner that debts not exceeding one hundred dollars are or may hereafter be by law recoverable, and when so recovered shall be forthwith paid to the treasurer of the borough, and it shall be the duty of the officers of said borough, on receiving any money belonging to the corporation, to pay the same to the treasurer forthwith: *Provided*, That no person elected as aforesaid, shall be liable to a fine for refusing or neglecting to serve more than once in four years. Penalty on
refusing to
serve.

Fines, how
appropriated.

Proviso.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the chief burgess, assistant burgess, town council and high constable, and each of them, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, before any justice of the peace of said county, to Official oaths

support the constitution of the United States and of this state, and to perform the duties of their respective offices with fidelity, and the certificate of such oaths and affirmations shall be filed among the records of the said corporation.

5 to constitute a quorum.
Quarterly meetings.
By-laws.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the said town council, five of whom shall be a quorum, to hold quarterly meetings on the third Monday in April, July, October and January in each year, and oftener if occasion requires, at which meetings they shall enact such by-laws, and make such rules, regulations and ordinances as shall be determined by a majority of them necessary to promote the peace, good order, benefit and advantages of the said borough, particularly of providing for the regulation of the markets, improving, repairing and keeping in order the streets, lanes, alleys and highways, ascertaining the depth of vaults, sinks, pits for necessary houses, and making permanent rules relative to the foundations of buildings, party walls and fences, they shall have power to assess, apportion and appropriate such taxes as shall be determined by a majority of them necessary for carrying the said rules and ordinances from time to time into complete effect, and also to appoint a town clerk, treasurer, two persons to act as street and road supervisors, a clerk of the market, and a collector, annually, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary from time to time, and the same officers from time to time to remove for misdemeanor in office, which meetings of the said town council shall be held at the house of Thomas Crawford, in said borough, until a town-house is erected: *Provided,* That no by-law, rule or ordinance of the said corporation shall be repugnant to the constitution or laws of the United States or of this commonwealth, and that no person shall be punished for a breach of a by-law or ordinance made as aforesaid, until ten days have expired after the promulgation thereof by at least four advertisements set up in the most public places in said borough: *And provided also,* That in assessing such tax, due regard shall be had to the valuation of taxable property, taken for the purpose of raising county rates and levies, so that the said tax shall not in any one year exceed one-half cent in the dollar of such valuation, unless some object of general utility shall be thought necessary, in which case a majority of the taxable inhabitants of said borough shall approve of and certify the same in writing, under their hands, to the town council, who shall proceed to assess the same accordingly: *Provided always, nevertheless,* That all out-lots and other lands included within the limits of said borough, shall not be subject to taxation until they are laid out in town lots, but shall continue to be taxed for county purposes as heretofore.

Clerk, treasurer and supervisors.

Place of meeting of town council.
Proviso.

Promulgation of by-laws.

Proviso relative to assessments.

Proviso relative to out lots.

Precept for collection of taxes.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the chief burgess, elected and qualified agreeably to this act, or in his absence or inability to act, the assistant burgess, is hereby authorised to issue his precept as often as occasion may require, directed to the collector, commanding him to collect all taxes so assessed, and the same to pay over to the treasurer; and the said chief burgess, or in his absence or in

ability to act, the assistant burgess, is hereby authorised to carry into effect all by-laws and ordinances enacted by the town council, and whatsoever else shall be enjoined upon him or them for the well-ordering and governing said borough.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the town clerk to attend all meetings of the town council when assembled upon business of the corporation, and perform the duty of clerk thereto, and keep and preserve the common seal and records of the corporation, and be answerable for the same, and also for the faithful discharge of all the duties which may be enjoined upon him by virtue of this act, or of the acts of the corporation, whose attestation, with the seal of the corporation shall be good evidence of the act or thing so certified.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the treasurer shall give sufficient security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and for the safe delivery of all monies, books and accounts appertaining thereto, into the hands of his successor upon demand made for that purpose.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the street supervisors, treasurer, high constable, clerk of the market and collector, as well as other officers which may be appointed by the corporation or council, shall, at meetings of the council in the month of April, yearly, render their accounts to the said council for settlement, and the said accounts being so adjusted and settled accordingly, shall be forthwith published by said council, showing particularly the amount of taxes laid and collected, and of all monies paid into the treasury, and the amount of expenditures.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the chief burgess, assistant burgess and president of the council, or any two of them, shall constitute a court of appeal, and prior to the collection of any borough tax, the collector shall inform each inhabitant of the amount of his tax, and of the time and place of appeal: *Provided, nevertheless,* That the said court of appeal shall have no other power, as such, than to determine the justness of the apportionment of said tax, and to remedy any grievance that may occur in imposing the same.

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the high constable to give notice of the annual election of said borough, held in pursuance of this act, by setting up six advertisements in the most public places in said borough ten days previous thereto, he shall attend and see that the election is opened at the time and in the manner directed by this act: *Provided,* That James Whitehill and Michael Rine of the said town, or either of them, shall publish and superintend the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April next, as herein before directed.

SECT. XIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the judges, inspector and clerks of the elections aforesaid, shall be allowed each one dollar a day for their service in holding said elections; and the town council shall from time to

Proviso.

2d proviso.

Right of appeal to the common pleas.

time affix the salaries of the high constable, town clerk, treasurer, clerk of the market and such other officers as may be appointed under this act, which salaries shall be paid out of the borough treasury, by orders drawn thereon signed by the president of the council, which salaries shall not be increased or diminished during the time for which the said officers were appointed respectively: *Provided*, That if any person appointed by the town council as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to take upon himself the duties of the office to which he shall be appointed, he shall for the same, forfeit and pay, for the use of the corporation, the sum of ten dollars, unless he can render to the said council a satisfactory reason why he should be exonerated from such service: *And provided also*, That no person shall be compelled to serve more than once in five years.

SECT. XIV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if any person or persons shall think him, her or themselves aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this act, except in what relates to the imposing and collecting the borough tax and appointments made by the town council, he, she or they may appeal to the next court of common pleas to be held for the said county, upon giving security according to law, to prosecute his, her or their appeal with effect, and the said court having taken such order therein as shall seem to them just and reasonable, the same shall be conclusive.

REES HILL, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate*.

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXXXIV.

AN ACT to authorise the surveyor of the township of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, to re-survey, lay out and regulate Slesman's alley, in the incorporated district of the Northern Liberties.

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 surveyor of the district of the Northern Liberties be, and he is hereby authorised and required to regulate, lay out and re-survey Slesman's alley in the incorporated part of said district, so that the descent of the said alley shall, instead of running eastwardly as by the original survey, run east and west from a part in said alley to be fixed and determined upon by the surveyor of said district; and the same proceedings shall be had after the said regulation and re-survey, as is directed by the act entitled, "An act to incorporate that part of the township of the