

All business of the company to be regulated by their by-laws Proviso.

tioned, and of all others who may hereafter be appointed, the times of meeting of the said corporation, the admission of new members, and all other concerns of the said corporation shall be regulated by the by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation, hereafter to be made: *Provided* such by-laws be not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

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

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXIV.

AN ACT

To authorise the Governor to incorporate the Wind Gap, Nazareth and Hellerstown turnpike company.

Commissioners names.

Duty of.

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 William Henry, senior, Christian D. Senseman, John Haman, Henry Jarret, George Butz, George Hess, Christian Roth, Jacob Geisinger and Jonas Rothrock, of Northampton county, and Abraham Fertz and Joseph Fry, senior, of Lehigh county, and Wilham Green, of Bucks county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several things hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, They shall, on or before the first day of May next, procure two or more books, and in each of them enter as follows: "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president and managers of the Wind Gap, Nazareth and Hellerstown turnpike company, the sum of fifty dollars for every share of stock in said company set opposite to our names, in such manner and at such times as may be directed by the board of managers of said company, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, entitled 'An act to authorise the Governor to incorporate the Wind Gap, Nazareth and Hellerstown turnpike company.' Witness our hands the day of in the year of our Lord, one

thousand eight hundred and .” And shall there-
upon give notice in at least one newspaper published in each ^{Of opening}
of the counties of Northampton, Bucks and Lehigh, respec- ^{books.}
tively, for four weeks at least, of the time and place when
and where the said books shall be opened to receive subscrip-
tions for said stock; at which respective times and places
one or more of the said commissioners shall attend, and shall
permit and suffer all persons of lawful age, who shall offer, to
subscribe in said books in their own names, or in the name of
any other person who shall duly authorise the same, for any
number of shares of said stock; and the said books shall be
kept open respectively for the purpose aforesaid, at least six
hours in each and every juridical day for the space of six days;
and if at the end of six days as aforesaid, the said subscrip-
tion shall not amount to two thousand shares, the said ^{Of adjourn-}
commissioners may adjourn from time to time, until the said ^{ments.}
books so opened shall have two thousand shares therein sub-
scribed, of which adjournments the said commissioners shall
give public notice as the occasion may require, and when the
whole amount of shares subscribed in all the said books shall
amount to two thousand shares, the same shall be closed:
Provided always, That every person offering to subscribe in ^{Proviso.}
the said books in his own name, or in the name of any other
person, shall previously pay to the attending commissioners
the sum of three dollars for every share to be subscribed, out
of which shall be defrayed the expenses attending the taking
such subscriptions and other incidental charges, and the re-
mainder shall be paid over to the treasurer of the said corpo-
ration as soon as the same shall be organized and the officers
chosen as hereinafter mentioned.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority afore-*
said, That when fifty persons or more shall have subscribed ^{When letters}
eight hundred shares or more of the said stock, the said com- ^{patent may}
missioners respectively may, or when the whole number of ^{issue.}
shares aforesaid shall be subscribed, they shall certify, under
their hands and seals the names of the subscribers, and the
number of shares subscribed 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 cre-
ate and erect the subscribers, and if the said subscription be
not full at the time, then also those who shall afterwards sub-
scribe to the number aforesaid, into one body politic and cor-
porate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of
“The Wind Gap, Nazareth and Hellerstown Turnpike Com-
pany;” and by the said name the subscribers shall have per-
petual succession, and all the privileges and franchises inci-
dent to a corporation, and shall be capable of taking and ^{Style of the}
holding their said capital stock and the increase and profits ^{company.}
thereof, and of enlarging the same from time to time by new ^{Privileges of}
subscriptions, in such manner and form as they shall think
proper, if such enlargement shall be thought necessary to

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fulfil the intent of this act; and of purchasing, taking and holding to them and their successors and assigns, of selling, transferring and conveying in fee simple, or any lesser estate, all such lands, tenements, hereditaments and estate, 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: *Provided*, That if the company hereby authorised to be incorporated, shall at any time issue any note or notes in the nature of bank notes, or carry on any business in the nature of banking, then or in either of those cases all and singular the rights, privileges and franchises hereby granted to the said company, shall cease and revert to this Commonwealth.

Of the organization of the company.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the commissioners aforesaid, as soon as conveniently may be, after the said letters patent shall be sealed and obtained, shall give notice in at least one public newspaper printed in each of the counties of Northampton, Bucks and Lehigh, of the time and place, by them to be appointed, not less than twenty days from the first notice, at which time and place the said subscribers shall proceed to organize the said corporation, and shall choose, by a majority of votes of the said subscribers, by ballot, to be delivered in person or by proxy duly authorised, one president, twelve managers, one treasurer, and such other officers as they shall think necessary to conduct the business of the said company for one year and until such other officers shall have been chosen; and shall and may make such by-laws, rules and regulations, and orders, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States or of this state, as shall be necessary for the well-ordering the affairs of the said company; and the said company, when thus incorporated and organized, shall have power, and they are hereby authorised to make an artificial turnpike road, to commence in the Easton and Wilkesbarre turnpike road, near the Wind Gap, and from thence pursuing the nearest and best route through the town of Nazareth, by Butz's tavern and Hellerstown, to intersect the Springhouse, Northampton town and Bethlehem turnpike: *Provided always*, That no person shall have more than five votes at any election, or in determining any question arising at such meeting, whatsoever number of shares he or she may be entitled to, and that each person shall be entitled to one vote for every share by him or her held under the said number. And they shall possess, generally, like powers, authorities and privileges necessary for carrying on and completing the said turnpike road, and be subject to all the duties, qualifications, restrictions, fines, penalties and forfeitures, and be entitled to like tolls and profits, in proportion to the distance, as are given and granted to the president and managers of the Spring-

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house, Northampton town and Bethlehem turnpike road company.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the said company shall not proceed to carry on the said work within five years after the passing of this act, or shall not within ten years thereafter complete the said road, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, then and in either of those cases all and singular the rights, privileges, liberties and franchises hereby granted to the said company shall revert to this Commonwealth.*

Of the commencement and completion of said road.

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

ISAAC WEAVER, *Speaker of the Senate.*

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SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXV.

AN ACT

To authorise the Governor to incorporate a company to erect a bridge over French creek at the town of Franklin, in Venango county.

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 George M'Celland, Alexander M'Almont and William Connely, of the town of Franklin, and Henry Hurst and John Brooks, of the town of Meadville, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, They shall and may, on or before the first day of May next, procure two or more books, and therein enter as follows: "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers and company for erecting a bridge over French creek at the town of Franklin, in Venango county, the sum of twenty dollars for every share of stock in the said company set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and proportions, and at such times, as shall be determined by the president and managers, in pursuance of an act of General Assembly, entitled 'An act to authorise the Governor to incorporate a company, to erect a bridge over French creek*

Commissioners names.

Duty of.