

representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the accountant officers be, and they are hereby authorised to adjust and settle the accounts for materials delivered and services performed in the enclosing with a fence the public ground at Harrisburg, pursuant to the fifth section of the act providing for the erection of a state capitol, passed the eighteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and the auditor general shall draw a warrant on the state treasurer for the balance which may be deficient in the appropriation for that purpose in the act aforesaid, and the state treasurer shall pay the same out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury.

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 CLXI.

AN ACT

Authorising John May to erect a toll bridge over French creek, in Crawford 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 it shall and may be lawful for John May, his heirs or assigns, to erect, build, maintain and support a good and substantial bridge over and across French creek, at the place where the public road from the town of Meadville, in Crawford county, to the town of Mercer, in Mercer county, crosses the same, below the mouth of Little Conyaut creek, near the house of John May; and the property of the said bridge, when built shall be, and the same is hereby vested in the said John May, his heirs and assigns forever: and as soon as the said bridge shall have been erected under the authority of this act, he, the said John May, his heirs or assigns, may, and they are hereby empowered to erect a gate, to demand and receive toll from*

J. May authorised to erect a bridge over French creek.

And take tolls for crossing the same.

Rates of toll.

travellers and others passing the same as follows, viz : For every carriage of whatever description used for the purpose of trade and agriculture, having four wheels and drawn by six horses, eighty-seven and a half cents ; for every such carriage, having four wheels and drawn by five horses, seventy-five cents ; for every such carriage, having four wheels and drawn by four horses, sixty-two and a half cents ; for every such carriage, having four wheels and drawn by three horses, fifty cents ; for every such carriage, having four wheels, and drawn by two horses, thirty-seven and a half cents ; for every such carriage, having four wheels and drawn by one horse, twenty-five cents ; for every carriage, of whatever description, used for the purpose of personal accommodation or pleasure, having four wheels and drawn by four horses, seventy-five cents ; for every such carriage, drawn by two horses, fifty cents ; for every such carriage, drawn by one horse, twenty-five cents ; for every carriage, of whatever description, used for the purpose of trade or agriculture, having two wheels and drawn by two horses, twenty-five cents ; for every such carriage drawn by one horse, twenty cents ; for every chaise, riding chair, sulkey or other two wheeled carriage of pleasure, per horse used therein, twenty-five cents ; for every sled or sleigh drawn by four horses, forty-four cents ; for the same drawn by three horses, thirty-one and a fourth cents ; for the same drawn by two horses, twenty-five cents ; and for the same drawn by one horse, twelve and a half cents ; for every horse and rider, six and a fourth cents ; for every led or drove horse or mule, four cents ; for every foot passenger, three cents ; for every head of horned cattle, two cents ; for every head of sheep or swine, one cent ; and all carriages that shall be drawn by oxen, or partly by oxen and partly by horses, to be rated in the proportion of two oxen for one horse : *Provided*, That no toll shall be demanded or taken from any person or persons attending funerals or divine worship; from militia men going to and returning from muster on days of training, from children going to and returning from school, or from persons attending general, special or township elections, but that they shall be allowed to pass and repass on those occasions free of expense.

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SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if the said John May, his heirs or assigns, or any of them, shall not proceed to carry on the aforesaid work within the space of four years from the passing of this act, and not within the space of seven years from the passage thereof complete the said bridge, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, or shall misuse or abuse any of the powers herein before granted, it shall and may be lawful for the Legislature of this Commonwealth to resume all and singular the rights, liberties, privileges and franchises hereby granted.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the said John May, his heirs or assigns, shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good and perfect order and repair, so as to render it dangerous or difficult for travellers and others to cross the same for the space of one week, and information thereof shall be given to any justice of the peace of the county, such justice shall issue his precept, directed to any constable, commanding him to summon three judicious freeholders, named in the said precept, to meet at a certain time in the said precept to be mentioned, at the said bridge, of which said meeting reasonable notice shall be given to the owner or his agent; and the said justice shall, at such time and place, by the oaths or affirmations of the said freeholders, inquire whether the said bridge is in good and perfect order and repair as aforesaid, and if on such inquiry the said bridge shall be found, by the said inquisition, not to be in good order and repair, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, he, the said justice, shall certify the same, and send a copy of the inquisition to the said John May, or to his heirs or assigns, or to some one of them, or his or their agent, and from thenceforth the said tolls hereby granted, shall cease to be demanded, paid or collected until the defective part or parts of the said bridge shall be put in good and perfect order and repair as aforesaid.

Penalty for neglect in keeping the bridge in repair.

Tolls to cease until repairs are completed.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person or persons shall cut or destroy any piece or pieces of timber, or any plank or planks belonging to the said bridge, or the breakers which may be thereto attached, or shall remove any piece or pieces of timber from off the said bridge, or any stone or stones or other materials belonging in anywise to the said bridge or breakers, or otherwise wilfully damage the same, he, she or they so offending, shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay for every such offence, over and above the damages done to the said bridge or breakers, the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered in the same manner as debts not exceeding one hundred dollars are or shall be by law recoverable, with costs of suit, for the use of the owner or owners of the said bridge at the time the offence shall have been committed.

Penalty for injuring the bridge.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever the court of quarter sessions and grand jury, in concurrence with the commissioners of said county, shall think proper, that the said bridge should become free, then the commissioners of the said county, together with the court shall choose four judicious persons, three of whom shall be chosen by the commissioners and one by the court, together with three other such persons to be chosen by the said John May, his heirs or assigns, and the persons so chosen as aforesaid, shall proceed to estimate the said bridge, and the sum agreed on by a majority of them shall be reported to the next court of quarter sessions; and if the court approve the same

Mode of re-deeming the bridge and making it toll free.

the said commissioners shall draw a warrant in favor of the said John May, his heirs or assigns, on the treasury of said county, for the amount of the said sum, and on payment or tender thereof the said bridge shall be free; but if the said John May, his heirs or assigns, shall at any time, on reasonable notice, refuse or neglect to choose three persons in the manner herein before mentioned, the said commissioners may proceed, with the persons by them and the court so appointed, ex-parte, in making the valuation, and the same proceedings shall be thereupon had as if the said John May, his heirs or assigns had chosen three persons in the manner herein before mentioned.

Navigation
not to be ob-
structed.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this act contained shall extend to authorise the said John May, or any person whatever, to erect a bridge in the manner in this act before mentioned, so as to interfere in any way with, stop, injure or interrupt the navigation of the said creek, or prevent boats from crossing, or persons from fording the same.

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 CLXII.

AN ACT

Providing for the payment of the expenses of erecting a bridge over Black Lick creek, at the town of Buella, in Cambria 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 the commissioners of Cambria county be, and they are hereby authorised and required to pay, out of the fund of the county, to the supervisors of Cambria township, in said county, for the year eighteen hundred and sixteen, the amount of monies which the said supervisors have lately expended in the erection of a bridge over Black Lick creek at the town of Buella, in said township, which amount shall be