

be by them expended in improving the road across said mountains; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have power to vacate any part of said road as they shall judge proper, and to lay out the same anew, on such ground as they find better adapted to the making a good road: *Provided* they do not materially deviate from the general course of the road already laid out, and they shall be held responsible for a just and faithful discharge of the trust reposed in them by this act, and shall settle their accounts with the auditors of the county, in the same manner and at the same time they settle the public accounts of the county, and the report of the said auditors shall be made as in other cases of public accounts, and shall have the same force and effect.

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

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLXXIV.

AN ACT

To authorise the Governor to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Lehigh, at the Water Gap, in Northampton 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 David Snyder, Peter Rumble, William Fenstermacher, Stephen Balliet, junior, and Jacob Saegar, of Lehigh county, Thomas Craig, John Snyder, Nicholas Snyder and Jacob Stem, of Northampton 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 June next, procure at least three books and enter therein as follows: "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers and company for erecting a bridge over the river Lehigh, at the Water Gap, in Northampton county, twenty-five dollars for every share of stock in said company set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and proportions, and at*

Commissioners named.

Books to be opened.

\$25 per share.

such times as shall be determined by the president and managers, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, entitled 'An act to authorise the Governor to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the river Lehigh, at the Water Gap, in Northampton county.' Witness our hands the day of one thousand eight hundred and .” And shall thereupon give notice in at least one paper printed in Northampton town, in Lehigh county, and one paper printed in Easton, in the county of Northampton, for one calendar month at least, when and where the said books shall be opened to receive subscriptions for the stock of the said company; at which respective times and places some one of the said commissioners shall attend, and permit all persons of lawful age to subscribe in said books, until the number of four hundred shares shall be subscribed, after which the books shall be closed: *Provided*, That every person offering to subscribe in the said books in his own name or the name of any other person, shall previously pay, to the attending commissioner or commissioners, five dollars for every share to be subscribed, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses attending the taking of such subscriptions and other incidental charges, 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 hereinafter mentioned.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when twenty or more persons shall have subscribed one hundred or more shares in the said books, the said commissioners respectively may, and when the whole number of shares shall be subscribed, shall certify, under their hands and seals, the names of the subscribers, and the number of shares by them subscribed, to the Governor, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Governor, by letters patent, under his hand and the seal of the state, to erect and create the subscribers, and if the subscription be not full at the time, then those who shall afterwards subscribe to the number aforesaid, into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of “The President, Managers and Company for erecting a Bridge over the river Lehigh, at the Water Gap, in Northampton county;” and by the said name the said subscribers shall have perpetual succession, and all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, and shall be capable of taking and holding their said capital stock, and the increase and profits thereof, and of enlarging the same by new subscriptions in such manner and form as they shall think proper, if such enlargement shall be found necessary to fulfil the intent of this act, and of purchasing, taking and holding to them and their successors and assigns, in fee simple, or for any less estate, all such lands, tenements, hereditaments, estate, real and personal, as shall be necessary and convenient to them in the prosecution of their works, and the same to sell and dispose of at their pleasure. and of suing and be-

Notice to be given of time and place for opening books.

Proviso.

When letters patent may issue.

Style of corporation.

Corporate powers and privileges.

ing sued, and of doing all and every other thing which a corporation or body politic may lawfully do.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the six persons first named in the letters patent, as soon as conveniently may be after sealing the same, shall give notice in at least two newspapers printed in the counties of Lehigh and Northampton, of a time and place, by them to be appointed, not less than thirty days from the time of issuing 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, six 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 be chosen, and may make such by-laws, rules, orders and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state or of the United States, as shall be necessary for the well-ordering the affairs of the corporation; and the said company, when thus incorporated and organized, shall have power, and they are hereby authorised to build a bridge over the river Lehigh, at the Water Gap, where the road leading from the town of Northampton to Berwick crosses the same, and on or near the land belonging to Thomas Craig; and generally to have all the powers, authorities and privileges necessary for carrying on and completing, maintaining and keeping in repair the said bridge, and shall receive like tolls, and be subject to all the duties, qualifications, restrictions, penalties, fines and forfeitures which are given and granted or imposed upon "The president, managers and company for erecting a bridge over the river Lehigh, near the town of Northampton," passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

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 in three years after the passing of this act, or shall not within three years thereafter complete the said bridge, the rights, liberties and franchises hereby granted to the said company, shall revert to this Commonwealth.

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

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

SIMON SNYDER:

Notice to be given of time and place for organizing the company.

What officers and how to be chosen.

Of by-laws.

Authorised to build a bridge.

Powers, &c. similar to those enjoyed by the company for erecting a bridge over Lehigh at the town of Northampton.

Time limited for commencing & completing the work.