

vided however, That the present assessors and constables shall continue in the performance of their several duties until others are elected as aforesaid.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LXIII.

AN ACT

Vesting in the corporation of the city of Philadelphia a certain lot of ground for the purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it is represented to the legislature that by the original charter of incorporation from William Penn to the city of Philadelphia, dated the twenty-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and one, a piece of ground described as a swamp between Budd's buildings and Society Hill, and lying at the southern extremity of Dock street and bounding on Front and Spruce streets, was granted to the said city to be left open and common for the use and service of the same, with liberty to dig docks and make harbors for ships and vessels in all or any part of the said swamp. And whereas the right to grant the said swamp to the city at the date of the charter appears to have been doubtful, the ground having been previously covered by the survey of John Marsh one of the first purchasers from the proprietary, and about sixty years since Thomas Penn then proprietor of Pennsylvania, having purchased the title of the said John Marsh by a patent reciting the previous grant by charter to the city, and setting forth his desire to comply with the intention of his deceased ancestor as therein expressed, granted and confirmed the premises to the corporation of the city for the same uses and purposes as were stated in the same charter. And whereas in process of time the said swamp hath become fast land, and is now several feet higher than the highest tides of the river, that it is encompassed on all sides by buildings, and separated from the Delaware by Front and Water streets so that shipping cannot approach nearer to it than about two hundred and fifty feet; for which reasons it

hath been found impracticable to use the same for the purposes originally designed, and it now being an entirely vacant lot it is useless to the city and in some degree a nuisance to the inhabitants of its vicinity. And whereas the select and common councils of the said city by their petition to the legislature have prayed that the said lot of ground may be liberated from the use stated in the said original charter and patent of confirmation.

Therefore,

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 a certain lot of ground described in the original charter of incorporation from William Penn to the city of Philadelphia, dated twenty-fifth day of October seventeen hundred and one, as a swamp between Budd's buildings and Society Hill, and lying at the southern extremity of Dock street, and bounding on Front and Spruce streets in the said city, be, and the same is hereby vested in the corporation of the mayor, aldermen and citizens of Philadelphia, freed and discharged from the use stated in the said original charter, and in a patent of confirmation of Thomas Penn then proprietary of Pennsylvania.*

A lot of ground vested in the corporation of Philadelphia, freed from a former use.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER LXIV.

AN ACT

To aid in erecting a bridge over Limestone run in the borough of Milton, in the county of Northumberland.

WHEREAS it is represented to the legislature that on the ninth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the bridge in the borough of Milton, in the county of Northumberland, by an unusual and sudden rise of Limestone run passing through said borough, was entirely swept off by the force of the current. And whereas it is further repre-