

## No. 106.

## AN ACT

Authorising the Governor to incorporate the Robbstown bridge company.

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 Doctor Bela Smith, Henry Fulton, William Linn, A. Plumer and James Bell, 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 a book or books, which shall be opened in Robbstown, Mount Pleasant and Greensburg, in the county of Westmoreland, and therein enter as follows: "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, promise to pay to the president and managers of the Robbstown bridge company, the sum of fifty dollars for every share of stock set opposite our respective names, in such manner and proportions and at such times as shall be determined by the president and managers of said company in pursuance of an act of the general assembly of the state of Pennsylvania, entitled 'An act authorising the Governor to incorporate the Robbstown bridge company.' Witness our hands, this        day of        in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty        ;" and shall thereupon give notice in such newspapers of the county aforesaid, as they may deem proper, for three weeks at least, of the times when and places where the said book or books shall be kept open to receive subscriptions for the stock of said company; at which respective times and places, one or more of the commissioners shall attend and permit persons of lawful age who shall offer to subscribe in the said books in their own name or in the name of any other person who shall authorise the same, for any number of shares in the said stock; and the said books be kept open respectively for the purpose aforesaid, at least six hours in every juridical day for the space of six days or until there shall have been subscribed eighty shares; and if at the expiration of six days, the books aforesaid shall not have the number of shares aforesaid therein subscribed, the said commissioners may adjourn from time to time and transfer the book or books elsewhere, until the whole number of eighty shares shall be subscribed; of which transfer and adjournment, the commissioners aforesaid shall give such public notice as the occasion may require, and when the whole number of shares shall be subscribed, then the books shall be closed: *Provided always,* That every person offering to subscribe in the said books in his

Commissioners named to open books.

Form of subscription.

\$50 per share.

Notice.

Who may subscribe.

Whole No. 80 shares.

Provido.

\$2.50 to be paid on each share at time of subscribing.

own or any other name, shall previously pay to the attending commissioners the sum of two dollars and fifty cents for every share to be subscribed, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses attending the taking of such subscriptions and other incidental expenses, and the remainder shall be paid to the treasurer of the corporation as soon as the same shall be organised and the officers chosen as hereinafter mentioned.

When stock is taken subscribers to be incorporated.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when eighty shares of stock shall have been subscribed and the sum of two dollars and fifty cents paid on each and every share, the commissioners, or a majority of them, may certify to the Governor under their hands and seals the names of the subscribers and the number of shares subscribed by each; whereupon, the Governor shall by letters patent under his hand and the seal of the commonwealth, create and erect the subscribers of the shares aforesaid into a body politic and corporate in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "the Robbstown bridge company;" and by the same name the subscribers shall have perpetual succession, and all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation for erecting a bridge across the Youghioghenny river at Robbstown, where the turnpike comes to the bank of said river; and shall be capable of taking and holding their capital stock, and the increase and profits thereof, and of enlarging the same from time to time by new subscriptions, in such manner and form as they shall think proper, if such enlargement shall be found necessary to fulfil the intentions 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 and estates, 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.

Style.

General powers.

Governor to subscribe \$6,000.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That for the purpose of completing the erection of the bridge aforesaid, across the Youghioghenny, at Robbstown, where the turnpike road intersects said river, the Governor of this commonwealth is hereby authorised, on behalf of this commonwealth, to subscribe one hundred and twenty shares of stock, amounting to six thousand dollars, and the same is hereby specifically appropriated for that purpose; and the said bridge shall be constructed under the advice and direction of the canal commissioners or their superintendent, so that it may be permanently and substantially erected, and with the least possible delay; and when the said bridge is completed and the Governor is notified thereof, by at least one of the canal commissioners or their superintendent, in conjunction with the commissioners aforesaid, then in that case the Governor shall draw his warrant on the treasurer of

Bridge to be built under direction of canal commissioners.

the commonwealth for the sum last aforesaid, to the person or persons holding a certificate from the commissioners aforesaid for work done; and further, at the same time as aforesaid the governor shall appoint three managers on behalf of this commonwealth, in conjunction with two managers elected by said company, and to be annually appointed and elected thereafter, one of whom shall serve as president and one as treasurer of said company: the board thus appointed and elected shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, before some judge or justice of the peace, faithfully and impartially to discharge their respective duties as president, treasurer, and managers of said company.

When completed money to be paid to contractors. Governor to appoint three managers, company to elect two Other officers. Oaths or affirmations.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when the bridge aforesaid is completed, and ready for travellers, &c. to pass over the same, the managers aforesaid shall apply to the judges of the court of quarter sessions of the peace in and for the county of Westmoreland, who are hereby authorised to affix a bill of tolls, reasonable and equitable, which said bill or rates of toll shall be paid by all persons passing over said bridge in any way or manner, subject to the by-laws of said company, which said laws shall in no wise interfere with the spirit and meaning of the constitution of this commonwealth, or the laws thereof.

Court of quarter sessions of Westmoreland county, to fix rate of tolls.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as soon as said bridge is completed, the commissioners aforesaid shall call together the stockholders of said company, at some convenient place, by giving at least ten days notice, and then and there elect two managers; each person owning to the amount of ten shares shall have a vote for each share, and all shares over that number, and not exceeding fifteen shares or for any greater number, shall have one vote for every two shares; and the board so elected and appointed shall choose one of their number as president, and one as treasurer of said company; and further, after the first election aforesaid, the said company shall elect on the first Monday in November annually thereafter; the said president and managers shall make half yearly returns to the auditor general of this commonwealth, upon oath of the president, of all moneys received and due said company, and pay over to the treasurer of this commonwealth the per cent. or income of said stock in said bridge, after deducting a pro rata for the contingent and necessary expenses of said company.

First election after completion of bridge

Ratio of votes to shares.

President and treasurer.

Annual election. Semi-annual return upon oath to Auditor General.

FREDK. SMITH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WM. G. HAWKINS,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The twenty-third day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

GEO. WOLF.