

LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA,

respective orders, forty dollars each, immediately, as a gratuity, and an annuity of forty dollars to each during life, payable half-yearly, to commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six; the foregoing gratuities and annuities to be paid in conformity with the existing laws.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twelfth day of February, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

JOS : RITNER.

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No. 22.

An Act

To repeal the state tax on real and personal property, and to continue and extend the improvements of the state by railroads and canals, and to charter a state bank, to be called the United States Bank.

State tax re-
pealed.

SECTION 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 all and every provision of the Acts of Assembly, passed the twenty-fifth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, respectively entitled "An act assessing a tax on personal property, to be collected with the county rates and levies, for the use of the commonwealth, and an act to increase the county rates and levies for the use of the commonwealth, be, and the same are hereby repealed, except so far as relates to the collection of taxes assessed before the first day of October last; *Provided,* That the said repeal shall not go into effect, until all the terms and provisions hereinafter set forth shall be fully complied with.

SECTION 2. The present stockholders of the bank of the United States, excepting the United States, and the Treasurer of the United States, and such other persons as may become stockholders, agreeably to the by-laws made for that purpose to an amount not exceeding in the whole the pres

ent capital of the said bank, their successors and assigns be, and are hereby created a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of "the President, Directors and Company of ^{Name and} the bank of the United States," and shall so continue until ^{style.} the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and by that name shall be, and are hereby made capable in law, to have, purchase and receive, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and effects, of whatsoever kind, nature and quality, and the same to sell, grant, demise, alien or dispose of, to sue and be sued, to use a common seal, and the same to alter and renew, and to make ^{Seal.} such by-laws and ordinances, as they shall deem necessary, not being contrary to this act, the constitution of the United States or to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth; and also to prescribe rules for the transfer of the stock of said corporation, and generally, to do all the acts which to them it shall or may appertain to do, and to enjoy the same privileges and authority given by law to any bank within this commonwealth, subject to the rules and restrictions hereinafter prescribed.

SECTION 3. For the management of the affairs of the said corporation, there shall be annually elected, at the banking house in the city of Philadelphia, on the first Monday in Jan- ^{Election of} uary in each year, by a plurality of votes, which shall be ^{directors and} given by the qualified stockholders of the said bank, in per- ^{president.} son or by proxy, twenty directors, who shall be capable of serving for one year, and who shall, at the first meeting after their election in each year, proceed to elect one of their directors to be the president of the corporation, who shall hold the said office during the same period for which the directors are elected; but if an election of directors or of the president should not be made on that day, the said corporation shall not for that cause be dissolved, but it shall be lawful at any other time to hold such elections, and until such elections be made, the directors and president for the time being, shall continue in office, and in case of the death or resignation of the president, the directors shall elect another president from their own number, and in case of the death or ^{How vacan-} resignation of a director, the vacancy may be supplied by the ^{cies supplied.} remaining directors.

SECTION 4. The following shall be the fundamental articles of the said corporation, to wit :

Article I. None but a stockholder, who is a citizen of the ^{Directors &} United States, shall be a director, or vote at an election for ^{voters to be} directors, either in person or by proxy, and all proxies shall ^{citizens of} be dated within sixty days before the day of each election. ^{the U. States.} The number of votes to which each stockholder shall be entitled in voting for directors, shall be as follows: For one

Number of shares to govern the number of votes. share and not more than two shares, one vote; for every two shares above two, and not exceeding ten shares, one vote; for every four shares above ten, and not exceeding thirty, one vote; for every six shares above thirty, and not exceeding sixty, one vote; for every eight shares above sixty, and not exceeding one hundred, one vote; but no person, co-partnership, or body politic, shall be entitled to a greater number than thirty votes, and after the first election, no share or shares shall confer a right of voting, unless the same shall have been held three calendar months before the day of election.

Rotation of directors. *Article II.* Not more than three-fourths of the directors who shall be in office at the time of an annual election, shall be elected for the succeeding year, and no director shall hold his office for more than three years out of four in succession, but the director who shall be the president, may always be re-elected; and previous to each election of directors, the board of directors shall appoint three stockholders, not directors, to be judges of the election, who shall conduct and regulate the same, after having severally taken and subscribed an oath or affirmation, before some justice of the peace or alderman, well and faithfully, and lawfully to conduct the election, and who, after the conclusion of the ballot, shall decide and openly declare who are chosen directors for the ensuing year. No director of any other bank shall be, at the same time, a director of this bank, nor shall the Governor, or any executive or judicial officer of this commonwealth, or member of Congress or of the state legislature, be a director.

Judges of the election. *Article III.* Not less than seven directors shall constitute a board for the transaction of business, of whom the president shall always be one, except in the case of sickness or necessary absence, in which case his place may be supplied by any other director whom he, by writing, under his hand, shall depute for that purpose, and in case the president shall not so depute, the board of directors may elect a director to act during the absence of the president.

Seven directors to constitute a board. *Article IV.* A general meeting of the stockholders, for purposes relative to the institution, may at any time be called, either by the board of directors or by sixty or more stockholders, owning one thousand or more shares of the capital stock, on giving at least six weeks notice, in two public newspapers published in the city of Philadelphia, and specifying in such notice the object or objects of such meeting. And there shall be a general meeting of the stockholders, at the banking house, in the city of Philadelphia, on the first Monday of January in every year, at which time the directors shall lay before them a general and particular statement of the affairs of the company.

General meetings of the stockholders, how called and when to be holden.

Article V. The lands, tenements and hereditaments which it shall be lawful for said corporation to hold, shall be only such as shall be requisite for its immediate accommodation in transacting its business, and such as shall have been bona fide mortgaged to it by way of security, or conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in the course of its dealings, or purchased at sales upon judgments, which shall have been obtained for such debts, or purchased for the purpose of securing such debts. The said corporation shall not, directly or indirectly, deal or trade in any thing except bills of exchange, gold and silver bullion, or in the sale of goods really and truly pledged, for money lent and not redeemed in due time, or goods which shall be the proceeds of its lands, neither shall it make any loan to any foreign prince or state, unless previously authorized by law.

To hold only such lands, tenements, &c.
What corporation may deal or trade in.
Shall not loan to foreign prince or state unless authorized by law.

The said corporation shall not be at liberty to purchase any stock whatever, except their own stock, treasury notes, or public stocks created by the government of the United States or of this state, or stock of, or loans to any of the incorporated companies of this state, for the construction and improvement of roads, bridges, canal or inland navigation, or other stocks which may be bona fide pledged as security for debts to the bank, and not duly redeemed.

What stock corporation may purchase.

Article VI. The rate of discount at which loans may be made by said bank within this commonwealth, shall not exceed one half of one per centum for thirty days. And the notes and bills which shall be issued by order of said corporation, or under its authority, shall be binding upon it, and those made payable to order shall be assignable by endorsement, but none shall be issued of a denomination less than ten dollars; and if the bank shall neglect or refuse to pay its notes, or bills, or moneys deposited, when due, on demand made at the bank during banking hours, the person or persons entitled to the same shall receive interest thereon at the rate of twelve per cent. a year, until payment be made; and the notes of the corporation in circulation, shall never exceed the capital actually paid in. The total amount of debts which the said corporation may at any time owe, whether by bond, note or other contract, excepting the amount of money due to depositors, shall not at any time exceed double the amount of capital stock actually paid in, and in case of excess, the directors under whose administration it shall happen, shall be liable in their individual capacities, and an action of debt may in such case be brought against them, or any of them, or any of their heirs, executors, or administrators, in any court having competent jurisdiction, by any creditor or creditors of such corporation, and may be prosecuted to judgment and execution, any condition, covenant, or agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, but this shall not be construed to

Rate of discount.
Notes & bills assignable by endorsement
No notes or bills less than 10 dollars to be issued
Penalty on refusal to pay notes or bills.
Debts of corporation at any time shall not exceed double amount of capital stock:
Liability of directors.
Liability of corporation.

Absent and dissenting directors not liable.

exempt the said corporation, or the lands, tenements, goods and chattels of the same, from being also liable for, and chargeable with the said excess. Such of the said directors as may have been absent when the said excess was contracted or created, shall not be considered as consenting thereto or liable therefor; and those who may have dissented from the resolution or act whereby the same was so contracted or created, and who shall enter their dissent upon the minutes of the board, may exonerate themselves from being so liable, by forthwith giving notice of the fact to the stockholders at a general meeting, which they shall have power to call for that purpose.

Bank refusing to pay notes, &c. shall be lawful for holder to make proof thereof, and if substantiated Governor to declare charter forfeite.

Article VII. If the said bank should at any time refuse to pay any of its notes, bills, obligations, or deposited monies, in gold or silver, then at, or after the expiration of three months from the time of refusal of said bank to pay as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the holder or proprietor of the same, to make application in writing to any judge of any court in the proper county, to allow him or her to make proof of said refusal on oath or affirmation, by one or more disinterested witness or witnesses, before said judge, whose duty it shall be to give at least ten days notice to the president or cashier of said bank, of the time and place of making such proof, in order that an opportunity may be afforded for rebutting the same by testimony, and if the facts be substantiated, it shall be the duty of the said judge to reduce the same to writing, and to transmit the same to the Governor; and it shall be the duty of the Governor, immediately on the receipt of the written proof above specified, to issue his proclamation, declaring the charter of the said bank to be forfeited; and from and after the tenth day after the date of the said proclamation, the charter of the said bank shall be absolutely null and void, and of no effect whatsoever, except that the said bank shall be liable in its corporate capacity, for the fulfilment of all contracts previously made and entered into by it, and the stockholders thereof, shall have power to elect directors as usual, and be capable of compelling the fulfilment of any contract entered into with said bank, previously to the date of the said forfeiture.

Dividends to be declared in January and July.

Article VIII. Dividends of so much of the profits as the directors may deem advisable, shall be declared twice a year, on the first Mondays of January and July in each year, and paid to the stockholders on demand, at any time after the expiration of ten days therefrom, but such dividends shall in no case exceed the amount of the nett profits actually acquired by the bank, so that the capital stock of the said bank shall never thereby be impaired; if the directors of the bank shall make any dividend which shall impair the capital stock of said bank, the directors consenting thereto, shall be liable

In no case to exceed the amount of nett profits.

in their individual capacities to such corporation, for the amount of the stock so divided, and each director when such dividend shall be made, shall be adjudged to consent thereto, unless he forthwith enter his protest in the minutes of the board, and give public notice to the stockholders of the declaring of such dividend. Directors liable in their individual capacities.

Article IX. The salary of the president shall be established and allowed by the stockholders at a general meeting, and no compensation shall be allowed to any person for his services as a director. The board of directors shall appoint a cashier and such other officers, clerks and persons as shall be necessary for transacting the business of the bank, and shall take from each, such security as the by-laws shall prescribe, and shall make to each a just compensation for his services. Salary of the president. Compensation to the cashier and others.

Article X. The said bank shall make to the Auditor General, monthly returns of its condition, showing the details of its operations, according to the form of the returns the bank of the United States now makes to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, or according to such form as may be established by law. Monthly returns to be made to Auditor General.

SECTION 5. It shall at all times be lawful for a committee of the legislature, appointed for that purpose, to inspect the books and to examine into the proceedings of the corporation hereby created, and to report whether the provisions of this charter have been by the same abused or violated, or not, and if the officers of said corporation should refuse to be sworn or affirmed, or give evidence, or to produce all such of their books or papers as may be demanded before any such committee, then the legislature may by law, declare the said charter void, and repeal the same; and whenever any committee as aforesaid shall find and report, or the Governor shall have reason to believe that the charter has been violated, it may be lawful for the legislature to direct, or the Governor to order a scieri facias to be issued out of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in the name of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which shall be executed on the president of the corporation, for the time being, at least ten days before the commencement of the term of said court, calling on said corporation to show cause wherefore the charter hereby granted shall not be declared forfeited; and it shall be lawful for said court, upon the return of said scieri facias, to examine into the truth of the alledged violation, and if such violation be made to appear, then to pronounce or adjudge that such charter is forfeited and annulled: *Provided however,* every issue of fact which may be joined between the commonwealth or the corporation, such issue shall be tried by jury, and on the trial thereof, the commonwealth shall have the right to change the venue from the county of Philadelphia, to any adjoining county; and it shall be lawful for the court aforesaid, Legislative committee may at all times inspect books, &c. On refusal of officers to be sworn or affirmed, to give evidence or produce books, &c. Legislature may by law declare charter void, &c. Provided

to require the production of such of the books or papers of the corporation as it may deem necessary for the ascertainment of the controverted facts, and the final judgment of said court shall be subject to all the usages of law in other cases.

Consideration to be paid for the privileges granted by this act.

1st. Proviso.

2nd Proviso.

SECTION 6. In consideration of the privileges granted by this act, and in lieu of all taxes on dividends, the said corporation shall pay into the treasury of the commonwealth the sum of two millions of dollars, at such time, and in such instalments as the Governor may require: *Provided*, That at least thirty days notice shall be given by the Governor of the time when each instalment will be required. *And provided also*, That for all sums the Governor shall not so require to be paid within three months after the acceptance of this charter by the stockholders, interest at the rate of five per cent. a year shall be paid by the corporation, commencing at the expiration of the said three months, and terminating thirty days before the time fixed for the payment of each sum, and the said corporation shall also, whenever required by law, advance on permanent loan, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole six millions of dollars, and for each sum of money so loaned, shall receive from the commonwealth a negotiable certificate of stock, reimbursable on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, transferrable at the bank of Pennsylvania, or such other place as the legislature may hereafter designate, bearing an interest of either four or five per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, at the bank of Pennsylvania, or such other place as the legislature may hereafter designate, as the law requiring such loan may determine; and in case the interest shall be five per cent. shall pay to the commonwealth one hundred and ten dollars in money for each hundred dollars of stock, or if the interest be four per cent. shall pay one hundred dollars in money for each hundred dollars of stock, and the said corporation shall be bound, whenever required by law, to advance to the commonwealth as a temporary loan, any sum of money not exceeding one million of dollars in any one year, at an interest of four per cent. a year, reimbursable at the pleasure of the commonwealth, within twelve months from the date of the loan and the said corporation shall further pay the treasurer, for the use of the commonwealth, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars on the third day of March, anno domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and shall pay the further sum of one hundred thousand dollars on the first day of June next, and the like sums of one hundred thousand dollars, on each succeeding first Monday of June, for nineteen years thereafter, to be added to and paid over with the annual appropriation provided by the commonwealth for common school purposes, and be distributed according to the several laws of this commonwealth regulating the distribu-

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tion of such appropriations; and the said corporation shall further be bound, to subscribe the following sums to the capital stock of the following named companies, if requested so to do by the directors of the said companies, or either of them, within one year from the passage of this act, namely: to the capital stock of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars. To that of the Williamsport and Elmira railroad company, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars. To the Monongahela navigation company, fifty thousand dollars, if the same be incorporated at the opening of the books of subscription for the capital stock thereof, and the farther sum of fifty thousand dollars, as soon as one hundred thousand dollars subscribed by other persons or bodies corporate, shall have been bona fide expended in the construction of the said work. To the Cumberland Valley railroad company, one hundred thousand dollars. To the Warren and Pine Grove railroad company, twenty thousand dollars. To the Warren and Franklin turnpike road company, fifteen thousand dollars, if the said companies be incorporated this session of the legislature. To the Warren and Ridgeway turnpike road company, five thousand dollars. To the Johnstown and Ligonier turnpike road company, ten thousand dollars. To the Snow Shoe and Packerville turnpike company, twenty thousand dollars. To the Roseburg and Mercer turnpike company, five thousand dollars, all of which subscriptions, shall place the said bank on the same footing as to the rights and liabilities, with the original subscribers to said companies respectively, *Provided*, That such subscription shall not be made to the stock of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company, until a law of Maryland shall be passed and assented to by said company, enabling the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and any company or companies duly authorized by the said commonwealth, to intersect by railroad and unite with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, at any point in the state of Maryland, and that the whole amount so to be subscribed by the said bank, shall be appropriated exclusively to the construction of the railroad from Cumberland to Pittsburg, and that no payment shall be called for by the directors of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company, on account of said subscription, until at least twenty miles of the railroad within the state of Pennsylvania, shall have been bona fide placed under contract, and the construction thereof actually begun.

Proviso relative to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company.

SECTION 7. Six hundred thousand dollars of the amount to \$600,000 to be paid into the treasury as aforesaid, shall be appropriated, pay interest, in lieu of the receipts from the state taxes, hereby repealed, &c. to pay the interest on the public debt, and other just demands upon the commonwealth.

Appropriations to divers turnpike road companies.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of enabling the several turnpike companies hereinafter mentioned, to improve the condition of said roads, the following sums are specifically appropriated, to be paid to the said companies respectively, for the aforesaid mentioned purposes, which said sums shall be distributed in the following manner:—To the Chambersburg and Bedford turnpike road company, the sum of twenty thousand dollars. To the Somerset and Bedford turnpike road company, twenty thousand dollars. To the Somerset and Mount Pleasant turnpike road company, twenty thousand dollars. To the Robbstown and Mount Pleasant turnpike road company eight thousand dollars. To the Washington and Williamsport turnpike road company, eight thousand dollars. To the Mount Pleasant and Pittsburg turnpike road company, five thousand dollars. To the Washington and Pittsburg turnpike road company, fifteen thousand dollars. To the Bedford and Stoystown turnpike road company, ten thousand dollars. To the Stoystown and Greensburg turnpike road company, twelve thousand dollars. To the Greensburg and Pittsburg turnpike road company, twelve thousand dollars. To the state road from the White Horse tavern on the top of the Allegheny mountain, to the Virginia state line in Greene county, nine thousand dollars, one third to be expended by the commissioners of Somerset county, one third by the commissioners of Fayette county, and one third by the commissioners of Greene county.

\$150,000 appropriated to the North Branch canal.

\$200,000 appropriated to the extension of the canal to Erie.

1st. Proviso.

Survey and location of railroad from Gettysburg, &c.

SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of the Canal Commissioners to put under contract, not less than twenty miles nor more than forty miles of the North Branch division of the Pennsylvania canal, during the ensuing year, commencing at or near the New York state line, towards which the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby specifically appropriated. And the said Canal Commissioners are hereby further directed to put under contract, not less than thirty-six nor more than sixty miles of the Pennsylvania canal, extending the same, by canal or slack water, towards the harbor of Erie, from such point or points as will best advance the interests of the state, having due regard to distance, lockage, cost and commercial interests; *Provided*, That no part of said distance is on the Ohio or Allegheny rivers; towards the completion of which, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby specifically appropriated. And the said Canal Commissioners are hereby further authorized and required, without delay, to survey and locate the most advantageous line for a railroad, from the borough of Gettysburg, to cross the route of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and connect with the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, at some point in the state of Maryland at or west of Williamsport, and to put under contract, not less than twenty nor more than thirty miles

thereof, towards which the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby specifically appropriated, *Provided*, That no such contract shall be entered into, unless the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company shall have consented to a satisfactory connexion of their road with that hereby authorized, and the said Canal Commissioners are hereby required to cause to be surveyed by a competent engineer, the route of a canal and slackwater navigation, from the head of the west branch division to the Allegheny river, and if, in his opinion, a sufficient supply of water cannot be obtained for that purpose, then he shall ascertain the most eligible route for a railroad between the said points, or of a communication partly by canal and partly by railroad, as he may deem most advisable. The said surveys to terminate opposite the town of Franklin, Venango county, of which surveys, accurate and full reports and estimates shall be made to the said Commissioners, and by them laid before the legislature at its next session, and for the expenses of which, the sum of nine thousand and five hundred dollars is hereby specifically appropriated. And the said Canal Commissioners shall also cause to be made by a competent engineer, a survey, estimate, and report to the next legislature, the practicability and importance of constructing a railroad from the town of Lewisburg in Union county, to or near Water street in Huntingdon county, for which, two thousand dollars is hereby specifically appropriated; and the said Canal Commissioners shall also cause to be made by a competent engineer, a survey, estimate, and report upon the practicability and importance of connecting by railroad the Pennsylvania canal at or near Freeport, by way of Butler, with the Pennsylvania canal, at or near Newcastle, for which the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby specifically appropriated.

\$200,000 appropriated.
2nd. Proviso

Surveys to be made from the West Branch division, to Allegheny river.

\$9,500 is appropriated.

\$2000 appropriated for survey of a railroad from Lewisburg to Water street.

Survey from Freeport by way of Butler.

SECTION 10. The sum of six hundred fifty-one thousand and seven hundred eighty dollars and seventy-four cents, be, and the same is hereby appropriated specifically for the following purposes, to wit:—To complete the Columbia railroad, twelve thousand five hundred and fifty-two dollars. To complete the Portage railroad, forty-two thousand and four hundred and sixty-one dollars. To complete the extension of the West Branch division to the mouth of the Tangascutack, one hundred and twelve thousand and seventeen dollars. For a reservoir at Johnstown, thirty thousand dollars, if the Canal Commissioners shall deem it advisable to commence the same within the present year. For ropes on the Columbia railroad, three thousand three hundred dollars. For moneys due on locomotives contracted for on the Columbia railway, five thousand four hundred and forty-three dollars and fifty-nine cents. For four new locomotive engines, and for ropes, repairing machinery, and debts due

Appropriations so the Columbia railroad, \$12,500. Portage ditto 42,061 dols. Tangascutack 12,017 dols. Reservoir at Johnstown 30,000 dols. Ropes. Locomotives, &c.

New work. for motive power on the Portage railroad, sixty-one thousand one hundred and seventeen dollars. For new work and for paying debts due on finished lines, and for pay of Canal Commissioners, appraisers, superintendents and engineers, thirty thousand dollars. For the repairs of canal and railroads, three hundred thousand dollars. For the payment of damages, twenty thousand dollars. For the payment of retained per centage due to contractors, twenty-five thousand dollars. To pay the award of arbitrators for damages sustained by the owners of the land through which the Grant's Hill tunnel passes, nine thousand eight hundred eighty-nine dollars thirty-seven and a half cents.

Repairs.

Damages.

Grant's Hill tunnel.

SECTION 11. The sums appropriated as aforesaid, by the three preceding sections of this act, shall be respectively paid out of the balance of the two millions of dollars, to be paid as aforesaid, by the said bank, into the treasury of the commonwealth, after deducting the amount appropriated by the seventh section of this act.

Authority of the Canal Commissioners prescribed and limited.

SECTION 12. The Canal Commissioners shall not be authorized to incur any debt on the faith of the commonwealth, in any way or manner, beyond the appropriation aforesaid, *And Provided,* That no part of the said appropriation shall be applied to any other than the several specific purposes to which it is appropriated by this act, nor shall any contracts be entered into for any new line of canal or railroad not mentioned in this act, or for any extension of the lines herein named beyond the limits prescribed by this act.

Damages to be paid speedily, and in their order.

SECTION 13. The sum appropriated to the payment of damages by the tenth section of this act, shall be paid as speedily as possible, in the order as to time in which the said claims for damages has been awarded, assessed and confirmed, and afterwards to such as may hereafter be awarded, assessed and confirmed, or may be agreed upon as due by prior acts.

Two offices of discount.

SECTION 14. The said bank may establish two offices of discount and deposite in this state, one of which shall be at such place in the county of Beaver as the directors may select for the purpose.

Relative to the acceptance of part of this act, by the stockholders of the bank U. S.

SECTION 15. Nothing in this act contained shall take effect, until the several sections and provisions relating to the bank of the United States, shall have been accepted by the stockholders thereof, at a general meeting, which acceptance shall be made known to the Governor, on or before the third day of March next, whereupon, every preceding section of this act shall be in full force. And within thirty days after the acceptance, by the stockholders of the existing bank of the United States, notice shall be given by the directors thereof, that on a day named, not exceeding thirty days thereafter, an election shall be held for directors, under the

Election for directors to be held.

charter so accepted, which election shall be held in like manner as elections are now held in said bank, and the President to directors so elected, shall elect a president, and shall serve be elected. until the first annual election; *Provided*, That from the said Proviso. third day of March, to the holding of the election authorized by this section, the president and directors in office at the time of such acceptance, may continue to act.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighteenth day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.

JOS : RITNER.

No. 23.

An Act

To change the location of that part of the Columbia, Chiques and Marietta road, which passes through the land of Elizabeth, Mary and Susan Bethel, in the county of Lancaster.

SECTION 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 Elizabeth Bethel, Mary Bethel and Susan Bethel, of the county of Lancaster, their heirs and assigns, have full power and authority, at their own proper charges and expense, to change the location of that part of the Columbia, Chiques and Marietta road, that passes through the land of said Elizabeth Bethel, Mary Bethel and Susan Bethel, from where the same is now located, and to remove the same to any distance on their own land, not exceeding seventy-five feet; *Provided*, That the road shall be made in all respects as good as the present road, and that the distance be no greater than the present road; *And provided also*, That the said Columbia, Chiques and