

published, in at least two of the newspapers printed in Pittsburg.

To commence the work within one year and finish within five years.

SECTION 13. If the company to be incorporated by the provisions of this act, shall not within one year after the passage of this act commence the erection of the said water works, or shall not within five years from and after the date hereof erect and complete the works herein contemplated and authorized, according to the true intent and meaning of the terms and conditions of the herein before recited ordinance, then, and in either case, all the privileges hereby granted shall cease and determine: *Provided however*, That the legislature reserve the right in the event of the said company violating any of the provisions of this act, to revoke, alter or amend the charter hereby granted.

Power to annul etc. reserved by the legislature.

Inhabitants or freeholders of the city may be witnesses.

SECTION 14. That no person who is an inhabitant or freeholder of the city of Philadelphia, shall for that reason be considered an incompetent witness, in any court of justice in this commonwealth, in a case in which the mayor, aldermen and citizens of Philadelphia are or shall be parties.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,

Speaker of the Senate.

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

JOS: RITNER.

No. 72.

An Act

To repeal an act entitled "An act to prohibit in courts of justice the reading or quoting of British precedents, subsequent to the fourth of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

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 an act entitled "An act to prohibit in courts of justice the reading and quoting of British precedents, subsequent to fourth July, one thousand seven-

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hundred and seventy-six," passed the nineteenth March, one thousand eight hundred and ten, be and the same is hereby repealed.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

JOS: RITNER.

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No. 73.

An Act

To provide for a Geological and Mineralogical survey of the State.

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 Governor to authority of the same,* That the Governor is hereby authorized and required, within thirty days after the passage of this act, to appoint a state geologist, of talents, integrity, and suitable scientific and practical knowledge of his profession, who shall appoint as his assistants two geologists, also of integrity and competent skill, one of whom shall also be a scientific and practical mineralogist, and the said state geologist shall also appoint a competent, practical, analytical and experimental chemist to assist him in his duties.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the said state geologist and his assistants, immediately to commence, and to carry on with as much expedition and despatch as may be consistent with minuteness and accuracy, and in accordance with a plan previously submitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, a geological and mineralogical survey of the state, with a view to determine the order, succession, arrangement, relative position, and the dip or inclination, and also the comparative magnitude of the several strata or geological formations within the state, and to discover and