

No. 107.

An Act

Authorizing Jonas Preston, of the city of Philadelphia, to erect a bridge over the Susquehanna, at or near M'Call's Ferry.

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 it shall and may be lawful for Jonas Preston, his heirs and assigns, to erect, build, maintain and support, a good and substantial bridge, of wood, iron, or such other material as may be judged adequate and suitable, over and across the river Susquehanna, on his own land, on or near the site of the former bridge, near M'Call's Ferry, and the property of the said bridge, when built, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said Jonas Preston, his heirs and assigns, forever; and the said Jonas Preston and his heirs and assigns, may demand and receive toll from travellers and others, not exceeding the following rates, viz:

Rates of toll. for every coach, landau, chariot, phaeton, or other pleasurable carriage with four wheels, drawn by four horses, one hundred cents, and so in proportion if more horses are added; and for the same carriages, with two horses, seventy-five cents; for every wagon with four horses, when loaded, one hundred cents, and so in proportion if more horses are added; for every loaded wagon with two horses, seventy-five cents; for every chaise, riding chair, cart, or other two-wheeled carriage with two horses, fifty cents, and for the same with one horse, thirty-five cents; for every sleigh or sled with four horses, one hundred cents, for the same with two horses, sixty cents, and for the same with one horse thirty cents; for every single horse, with or without rider, ten cents; for every foot passenger five cents; for every head of horned cattle five cents; for every sheep or swine two cents; empty carriages of burthen to pass for half toll, and a due proportion of the above tolls to be added to the sum chargeable for carriages of burthen laden with more than two tons; two oxen to be charged as one horse; children going to or returning from school, funerals and places of public worship, to pass free: *Provided always nevertheless,* That nothing in this act contained shall extend to authorize the said Jonas Preston to erect the same in such manner as in any way to impede or interrupt the navigation of the said river.

Penalty for injuring the bridge. *Provided always nevertheless,* That nothing in this act contained shall extend to authorize the said Jonas Preston to erect the same in such manner as in any way to impede or interrupt the navigation of the said river.

SECTION 2. If any person or persons shall wilfully pull down, break or destroy, with intent to injure, any part or parts of the said bridge, or any abutment, pier, toll-house,

gates, bars, or other property, appurtenant to or erected or made for the use and convenience of the said bridge, or any persons employed in conducting the business thereof, he, she or they so offending, shall each pay to the supervisors of the highways of the township wherein the offence is committed, the sum of twenty dollars, to be sued for and recovered before any justice of the peace, in like manner as debts under one hundred dollars may be sued for and recovered; and the offending party shall remain liable for further damages, for such torts as will be sufficient to repair the injury, and pay all costs.

SECTION 3. The said Jonas Preston, his heirs and assigns, every seventh year from completing the said bridge, shall lay before the court of Quarter Sessions of Lancaster county, an abstract of his accounts, including the capital expended, and of the income and profits of the same, and if it shall appear at the end of either of the said septennial periods, that the profits shall have exceeded twenty-five per centum per annum on the capital expended, the toll shall be reduced, so that the clear profits shall not exceed twenty-five per centum per annum on the capital stock expended thereon.

Septennial accounts to be laid before the court of Quarter Sessions of Lancaster co.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THOMAS S. CUNNINGHAM,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The first day of April, A. D. eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

JOS: RITNER,

No. 108.

An Act

To incorporate the "Pennsylvania Hotel company."

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*