

Legislature reserves the right to regulate the toll and to purchase the road.

SECTION 6. The legislature reserves the right to reduce and regulate the tolls hereby authorized, and also the right of purchasing the said railroad, with all its appurtenances, at any time after the expiration of twenty years from the time of completing said road, by paying to said company the costs and expenses of constructing said road, and keeping the same in repair, together with eight per cent. per annum interest thereon, after deducting the amount of tolls collected by the said company.

NER MIDDLESWARTH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the Senate.

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JOS: RITNER.

No. 124.

An Act

To incorporate the Monroe Delaware Bridge Company.

Preamble. WHEREAS, it is represented to the legislature by the petition of a number of the inhabitants of the county of Bucks, that the erection of a bridge over the Delaware river, at or near Monroe, would be a great convenience and accommodation to the public; Therefore,

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 the capital stock of Monroe Delaware Bridge company, shall amount to twenty thousand dollars, and that the same shall be divided into shares of fifty dollars each, and the subscribers to the said capital stock shall pay the sum or sums of money for the share or shares by them respectively subscribed, at such periods, and in such proportions as the directors of the said company may determine.

Commission-
ers. SECTION 2. Joseph Hough, Daniel Boileau, Michael Fackenthall, Jr. John Houpt, and Nicholas Buck, be and

are hereby appointed commissioners on the part of this state, who, with the commissioners to be appointed by the state of New Jersey, shall be authorized to receive subscriptions to the said capital stock, at such times and places as they or a majority of them may direct, giving notice thereof in two of the newspapers printed in the county of Bucks in this state, and in two of the newspapers printed in the county of Hunterdon in the state of New Jersey, for at least twenty days, of the times and places when and where the said subscriptions shall be received, and at the time of subscribing for the said stock, five dollars shall be paid upon each share subscribed for, to the commissioners or some of them, which money shall be paid over to the treasurer of the company, as soon as one shall be appointed, and that the residue of the subscriptions shall be paid in such instalments, and at such times and places, and to such persons, as the president and directors of the company shall from time to time direct and give public notice of, and upon failure of payment thereof, as so directed, for thirty days thereafter, the said president and directors shall have power to forfeit the shares of each and every person failing to pay the said instalments, or any of them, to and for the use of said company: *Provided*, That if the number of shares subscribed for shall exceed the amount or number of shares authorized by this act to be subscribed for, that then the said commissioners shall apportion the said stock among such subscribers, in proportion to the amount or number of shares by them subscribed as aforesaid.

SECTION 3. When three hundred shares are subscribed for, the persons holding the same shall be, and they are hereby incorporated into a company, by the name of the "Monroe Delaware bridge company," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, and shall be capable of taking and holding their said 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 should be found necessary to fulfil the intent 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 may be necessary and convenient to them in the prosecution of their work, and the same to sell and dispose of at their pleasure, 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.

SECTION 4. As soon as three hundred shares of the said capital stock shall be subscribed as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the said commissioners to give notice, in two or more

- of the newspapers printed in the county of Bucks, in the state of Pennsylvania, and in the county of Hunterdon in the state of New Jersey, of a time and place by them to be appointed, not less than thirty days from the time of issuing the said notice, at which time and place the said stockholders shall proceed to organize the said company, and shall choose by ballot, a majority of votes, to be delivered in person or by proxy, one president, six directors, one treasurer, and such other officers as they shall think necessary to conduct the business of the said company for one year, and until other officers shall be appointed, and may make such by-laws and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state or of the United States, as shall be necessary for well ordering the affairs of the said company: *Provided*, That no person shall have more than twenty votes at an election, or determining any question arising at such meetings, whatever number of shares he may be entitled to, and that each person shall be entitled to one vote for every share by him held not exceeding ten.
- The company to be organized, and how** SECTION 5. The stockholders shall meet on the first Monday in November in every succeeding year, at such place as shall be fixed by the by-laws of said company, for the purpose of choosing such officers for the ensuing year.
- Proviso.** SECTION 6. The president and directors first to be chosen as aforesaid, shall issue certificates of stock to the several stockholders respectively, signed by the president and countersigned by the treasurer of the said company, which certificates shall be transferrable at his or her pleasure, in person or by attorney, subject however to the payments due and that may grow due thereon, and the assignee holding any certificate, having first caused the assignment or transfer to be entered in a book of the company, to be kept by the treasurer for that purpose, shall for every share of stock so held by him or her, be entitled to his or her equal proportion of the said capital stock, and of all the estates and emoluments of the company, to vote as aforesaid at the meetings thereof.
- Annual election.** SECTION 7. The said president and directors shall meet at such times and places, and be convened in such manner as shall be agreed on, for transacting their business; at such meetings five members shall be a quorum, who in the absence of the president may choose a chairman, and shall keep minutes of all their transactions, fairly entered in a book, and a quorum being met, they shall have full power and authority to agree with and appoint such engineers, superintendents, artists and other officers, as they shall think necessary to carry on the said bridge, and to complete the same, and fix their salaries and other wages, to determine the time, manner and proportions in which the stockholders shall pay the money due on their respective shares, to draw
- Certificates.**
- Transferrable.**
- Meetings.**
- Quorum.**
- Minutes.**
- Powers of the board.**

orders on the treasurer for all monies that may be required, the same to be signed by the president or chairman, and countersigned by the clerk of the board, and to do and transact all matters and things as by the by-laws or regulations of the said company shall be lawful.

SECTION 8. After the place for the erection of the said ^{President and} bridge shall be fixed, and before the said president and directors to directors shall proceed to erect the same, it shall and may agree with be lawful for the said president and directors to contract ^{owners of} and agree with the owner or owners of any lands and tene- ^{lands upon} ments, for the purchase of so much thereof as shall be ^{which to} necessary for the purpose of erecting and perfecting the ^{erect the} said bridge, and making and establishing all the necessary ^{bridge, etc.} works and roads to and from the same, if they can agree with the owner or owners of the same, but in case they can- ^{Mode of pro-} not agree, then it shall and may be lawful for the said ^{ceeding in} president and directors to apply to one of the justices of the ^{case of disa-} Supreme court of this state, not being a stockholder or ^{greement.} otherwise interested, who upon such application, is hereby authorized and directed to appoint three discreet and disinterested freeholders of this state, who, after being duly sworn or affirmed, before any justice of the peace, faithfully to perform the duties enjoined on them by this act, shall proceed to view and examine the said banks, and all such lands and tenements as shall be necessary for the purpose of erecting and perfecting the said bridge, and making and establishing all necessary works and roads to and from the same, and shall, according to the best of their skill and judgment, ascertain and estimate the injury and damage that will be sustained by the owner or owners of such lands and tenements, so necessary to be taken as aforesaid, and shall report what sum shall be paid by the said company for the same, which report shall be made in writing, under their hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any two of ^{Map of lands'} them, and shall return the same, together with a map describ- ^{etc to be filed} ing the metes and bounds of such lands and tenements, to the Supreme court next after they shall have agreed upon and signed the same, and the said report having been confirmed by the said Supreme court, shall be filed in the clerk's office of the said court, with the map aforesaid; and the said president and managers having paid the said owners respec- ^{Sums award-} tively, the several sums awarded to be paid to them in ^{ed and fees of} and the said arbiters to ^{be paid.} by the said report, together with the fees of the said arbiters, at the rate of two dollars to each for every day employed in the said business, and their necessary expenses, the said company shall be entitled to have and to hold, to them and their successors and assigns, forever, the said lands and tenements, as fully and effectually as if the same had been granted to them by the respective owners thereof, and it shall and may be lawful thereupon, and not before, for the

said president and directors to enter upon the said lands and tenements, and to commence and to complete the erection of the said bridge.

President & directors may enter into and upon lands.

SECTION 9. It shall and may be lawful for the president and directors aforesaid, their superintendents, engineers, and artists of every kind, to enter into and upon all lands and enclosures near to the place where the said bridge is to be built, and to examine the ground for the purpose of obtaining stone, gravel or sand necessary for the building of the said bridge, and it shall and may be lawful for the said directors, overseers, superintendents, or any other persons employed in building the said bridge, to enter with wagons, carts, sleds or sleighs, or beasts of burden and draught, of any kind whatsoever, first giving notice to the owners, doing as little damage as possible, and repairing any breaches of fences they may have occasion to make, and first making amends for any damage that may be done, which damages shall be ascertained by the parties, if they can agree, or if they cannot agree, then by appraisement thereof, to be made upon oath or affirmation, of three disinterested freeholders of the neighbourhood, or any two of them, to be mutually chosen, or if the owner, or managers, or superintendents, engineers, or artists, upon due notice, shall neglect or refuse to join in the choice, then the said freeholders to be appointed by any justice of the peace of the county, not interested on either side, and the said managers or other persons by them employed as aforesaid, after tender of the appraised value to the owner, may enter and dig, take and carry away any stone, gravel, sand or earth, most conveniently situated, for making and repairing said bridge.

Damages shall be ascertained.

Just accounts to be kept & submitted annually to the stockholders.

SECTION 10. The president and directors of the said company shall keep fair and just accounts of all monies received by them from the said commissioners, and from the stockholders, and of the amount of the profits on shares that may be forfeited as aforesaid, and of all voluntary contributions, and also of all monies by them expended in the prosecution of the said work and shall, at least once in each year, submit such accounts to a general meeting of the stockholders, until the bridge be completed, and until all the costs, charges and expenses for effecting the same, shall be fully paid and discharged, and the aggregate amount of all such expenses shall be liquidated and ascertained.

Rates of toll.

SECTION 11. That when a good and complete bridge is erected over the said river Delaware, at the place aforesaid, the property of the said bridge shall be vested in the said company aforesaid, their successors and assigns, forever, and the said company, their successors and assigns, may demand and receive toll from travellers and others, not to exceed the following rates: for every coach, landau, chariot, phaeton, or other pleasurable carriages, with four wheels,

drawn by four horses, the sum of seventy-five cents; for the same carriage with two horses, the sum of fifty cents; for every wagon with four horses, the sum of sixty-three cents; for every carriage of the same description drawn by two horses, the sum of fifty cents; for every chaise, riding chair, sulkey, cart, or other two wheel carriage, or a sleigh or sled, with two horses, the sum of thirty-one and a fourth cents; for the same with one horse, the sum of fifty cents; for a single horse and rider, the sum of ten cents; for every led or driven horse, or mule, the sum of five cents; for every foot passenger, the sum of one cent; for every head of horned cattle, the sum of three cents; for every sheep or swine, the sum of half a cent; *Provided*. That all persons going to and returning from funerals, persons going to or returning from meeting or church, children going to or returning from school, shall pass free of toll: *Provided also*, That in fixing the toll of all carriages drawn wholly by oxen, or partly by horses and partly by oxen, two oxen shall be estimated equal to one horse; and the said company shall so erect the said bridge, as in nowise to injure, stop, or interrupt the navigation of the said river, or prevent boats or rafts from passing, or persons from fording the said river.

SECTION 12. If any person or persons shall wilfully cut, destroy, break, or remove from off the said bridge, or any part thereof, any piece or pieces of timber, plank or planks, stone or stones, chain or chains, bolt or bolts, or any other materials whatsoever, belonging to said bridge, or otherwise wilfully or maliciously damage the same, he, she or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, over and above the damage done to the said bridge, the sum of thirty dollars, to be recovered in any court having cognizance thereof.

SECTION 13. If the said company, their successors and assigns, and whoever shall own or possess the said bridge, shall collect or demand any greater rate or prices for the passing over the said bridge than what are herein before prescribed and specified, or shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good repair, he, she or they so offending, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of thirty dollars, one third thereof for the use of the poor of the county of Bucks, in the state of Pennsylvania, and one third thereof for the use of the poor of the township of Alexandria, county of Hunterdon, state of New Jersey, and the other third for the use of the person who may sue for the same: *Provided*, that no suit or action shall be brought, unless within sixty days after such offence shall be committed.

SECTION 14. The said president and directors shall have power to agree with any owner or owners of ferries or shad fisheries that may be injured by the erection of the said bridge, and to compensate them for any damages they may

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thereby sustain; and if they cannot agree with such owner or owners, then and in such case the said damages shall be ascertained and paid in the same manner as is provided for in the ninth section of this act: *Provided*, That no person shall receive any compensation for ferrying at any ferry which shall have been purchased and paid for by the said company, after the said bridge shall have been completed.

SECTION 15. The said president, directors and company, shall also keep a just and true account of all and every the monies received by their respective collectors of tolls, for crossing the said bridge, and shall make and declare a dividend of the profits and income thereof, among all the stockholders of the said company, deducting first therefrom all contingent costs and charges, and such proportion of said income as may be deemed necessary for a growing fund, to provide against the decay, and for the rebuilding and repairing of the said bridge, and shall on every first Monday in May and November in each and every year, publish the dividend to be made of the said clear profits thereof amongst the stockholders, and of the time and place where and when the same shall be paid, and shall cause the same to be paid accordingly: *Provided*, That the president and managers of the aforesaid company shall annually, on the first Monday in December, transmit to the Auditor General a full statement of their affairs, under oath, and shall pay annually into the Treasury of this commonwealth, and the Treasury of the state of New Jersey, in equal proportions, a tax of eight per cent. on all dividends which may exceed six per cent. on the capital stock actually paid in.

SECTION 16. This act shall not take effect or go into operation, until the legislature of the state of New Jersey shall pass a law appointing commissioners on their part, and vesting like power and authority in the subscribers to the said capital stock, of erecting a bridge at the place aforesaid, and of extending the same from shore to shore, with as full and ample powers, privileges, franchises and emoluments, as to the said company are hereby given.

SECTION 17. Nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to authorize the said bridge company to exercise any banking privileges whatsoever, or to issue any notes in the nature of bank notes; the legislature reserve the right of altering, amending or annulling this charter whenever they think proper.

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