

drawn by four horses, forty-four cents; for every such carriage having two wheels and drawn by three horses, thirty-seven and one half cents; for every such carriage having two wheels and drawn by two horses, thirty-one cents; for every such carriage having two wheels and drawn by one horse, eighteen cents; for every chair or other wheeled carriage of pleasure, for every horse used therein eighteen cents; for every sleigh or sled drawn by four horses thirty-seven and one half cents; for every sleigh or sled drawn by three horses thirty-one cents; for every sleigh or sled drawn by two horses twenty-five cents; for every sleigh or sled drawn by one horse twelve and one half cents; for every horse, mare or gelding, with a rider, six cents; for every horse, mare or gelding without a rider, six cents; for every carriage drawn by oxen, or partly by oxen and partly by horses, to be rated in proportion of two oxen for one horse, and in all cases a mule shall be rated in the same proportion as a horse; for every head of horned or muley cattle two cents; for every head of sheep or swine one cent: *Provided*, That any person or persons attending funerals, any detachment of the military of this state or of the United States, foot passengers attending divine service, students or children attending schools or other seminaries of learning, shall at all times be exempt from paying toll: *Provided also*, That it shall be the duty of the president and managers of the company, and their successors, to have a written or printed list or lists of the above rates of toll placed upon some conspicuous part at each end of the said bridge, for the inspection of all persons desirous of seeing the same.

Proviso.

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LEWIS DEWART,

Speaker of the House of Representatives,

J. R. BURDEN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

JOS. RITNER.

No. 28.

An Act

To incorporate the Trustees of the townships of Newport and Pittston, in the county of Luzerne.

WHEREAS, the original proprietors of the townships of

Newport and Pittston, two of the seventeen townships of the county of Luzerne, surveyed and laid out certain lots of land in said townships, and appropriated the same to the religious, literary and charitable use of the said townships, which have since been under the charge and care of committees annually elected by the residents and proprietors of said townships: *And whereas*, the commissioners appointed under the act offering compensation to Pennsylvania claimants, passed the fourth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and the supplements thereto, issued certificates to the committees for the time being for the said lots, in trust for the use of the proprietors of said respective townships, and the annual committees have, from time to time, with the assent of said proprietors, and by their agents, sold and conveyed, and let upon leases for a long term of years, several of said lots, reserving rents for the use of said respective proprietors, but inasmuch as the said committees were not fully invested with the legal and equitable titles to said lands, such sales and leases as made by them having been judged invalid: *And whereas*, the rents and debts due to said proprietors, arising from said sales and leases, have increased to a considerable amount, and cannot be recovered unless an act of incorporation be granted to said proprietors, they have therefore prayed that the sales and leases so made by the said committees, and their agents, may be confirmed, and that an act of incorporation may be granted them by the legislature; 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 all leases, sales, and contracts, heretofore made by the committees of the proprietors of the respective townships of Newport and Pittston, in the county of Luzerne, or by Jonathan Smith and Jonathan Kellogg, original agents of Newport township, of and concerning lands originally appropriated to the public use of said townships, be, and the same are hereby confirmed, as fully and amply as though the said committees and agents had been vested with the full titles to said lands, at the time of making such sales, leases and contracts.

Confirmation of all leases and contracts heretofore made by the committees, &c.

SECTION 2. That the inhabitants of each of the certified townships of Newport and Pittston, in the county of Luzerne, being owners of land within the same, and all who shall hereafter inherit and own land within the said townships, are hereby authorized to meet on the first Saturday in June next, and on the last Saturday of April in each and every year thereafter, at the place of holding the general elections in said

Annual election of Treasurer, Secretary & Trustees for the certified townships.

townships, then and there between the hours of twelve o'clock at noon, and six o'clock in the afternoon, to elect by ballot a treasurer, a secretary, and three persons as trustees for each of said respective townships; two of the persons last in office in said corporation, or in case of their absence, two reputable inhabitants of said township shall act as judges of said election, who shall be duly sworn or affirmed before a justice of the peace, to conduct the said election with impartiality and fidelity, and the persons having the highest number of votes for the respective offices shall be declared duly elected, when the said treasurer, secretary, and three trustees, shall respectively constitute bodies corporate and politic, in law and in fact, the first by the name and style of "The Proprietors of Newport," the second by the name and style of "The Proprietors of Pittston," will all and every the rights, privileges and franchises, and subject to all and every the regulations, stipulations, duties, restrictions and provisos contained and found in the second, third, fourth and fifth sections of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the township and borough of Wilkesbarre, the trustees of the township of Plymouth, and the trustees of the township of Hanover, in the county of Luzerne," passed the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, except as the same may be hereinbefore altered or changed.

Style & title.

Rights and privileges.

Committee vested with corporate powers until election of officers, &c.

SECTION 3. That until the election of officers of said respective corporations, Henry Styer, Adam Bellas and Peter Fitzgerald, present committee of said township of Newport, and Peter Winter, Nathaniel Giddings and Nathaniel Tuttle, present committee of said township of Pittston, shall be vested with the corporate powers under this act, and any suit or suits already commenced by any committee of said townships, may be prosecuted to a final determination, and all judgments already obtained, may be recovered by and for the use and at the expense of said corporations.

LEWIS DEWART,

Speaker of the House of Representatives,

J. R. BURDEN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

JOS. RITNER.