

No. 47.

An Act

To promote the culture of Silk.

Premiums.

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 from and after the passage of this act, whenever any person or persons, either individually or collectively, shall raise any silk within this commonwealth, he, she or they shall be entitled to draw from the State Treasury a premium of twenty cents for each and every pound of cocoons so by him, her or them raised, and fifty cents per pound on each pound of good silk by him, her or them reeled from cocoons so raised; and the person or persons so claiming the premium aforesaid, shall first exhibit the cocoons raised and the silk reeled as aforesaid, to one alderman or justice of the peace within the proper city or county where they shall have been raised, and the said aldermen or justices shall thereupon examine the person or persons claiming the premiums as aforesaid, upon his or their oath or affirmation, and shall require the party so claiming the premium, to swear or affirm that the cocoons were raised in the state of Pennsylvania after the passing of this act, that the premium has not before been claimed by or paid to any other person, and also in relation to such other facts, matters and things as is or may be in their opinion connected with the raising or reeling of the same, and upon the evidence being satisfactory to his mind, he shall thereupon make out a certificate, under his hand and seal of the same, and the respective city and county treasurers, upon the presentation of the said certificate or certificates, are hereby authorized and directed to pay the amount of the same out of any monies belonging to the commonwealth which may then be in their hands; and the State Treasurer, in settling the respective accounts of the several city and county treasurers, shall, and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive the said certificate as equivalent to the amount of money paid out therein, in conformity with the provisions of this act, and the same shall be audited and adjusted in like manner as other payments out of the treasury are now audited and adjusted by law.

SECTION 2. Any false swearing under this act shall be False swear indictable and punishable as perjury in other cases is pun- ing under ished, and any fraudulent procuring of the premium on co- this act pun- cocoons, or reeled silk, under the provisions of this act, shall ishable, and be deemed a misdemeanor, and on conviction, punishable as how. such by fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. For the weighing the cocoons, administering Justices fees the oath or affirmation required by this act and making out the certificate, the justice shall be entitled to a fee of twenty-five cents, to be paid by the person applying for the same.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not continue Act to con- or remain in force for any greater length of time than until tinue in force the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and until 1843 forty-three.

LEWIS DEWART,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
CHARLES B. PENROSE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

JOS. RITNER.

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No. 48.

An Act

Authorizing the Governor to incorporate a company to make a Turnpike road, from Uniontown, in the county of Fayette, to the Virginia State line, and for other purposes.

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 James Caldwell, Nath^l. Ewing, Isaac Wood, George Harden, Absalom Morris, Zadok Brownfield, Theophilus Williams, Tazewell P. Martin, William Gans, Daniel Collier, Squire Ayres and Albin Meller, are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say; they shall, on or before the first Monday of June next, procure one or more books, and shall thereupon give notice in one or more newspapers printed in Uniontown, for one calendar month at least, of the times and places said books shall be opened to receive subscription for the stock of a company to