

No. 6.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Hanover Coal 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 authority of the same,* That Joseph D. Murray, Daniel Parry, John Fox, Lewis S. Coryell, John C. Parry, Matthew C. Jenkins, Alexander M. Peltz, Michael Snyder, John H. Briggs, Jesse R. Burden, William T. Rogers, Thomas O. Goldsmith, John Jones, and their associates, successors, and assigns, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name, style and title of the "Hanover Coal company," for the purpose of mining coal, and for the trans-

Corporators acting the usual business of companies engaged in the mining

Name transporting to market, and selling of coal, and the other

Object and power of corporation products of coal mines; and the said corporation, by the said name, is hereby declared and made capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to have a common seal, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure; to make rules and by-laws for the regulation and management of the said corporation, consistent with the laws of the United States and of this commonwealth; and generally to do and execute, for the well being of said company, whatever shall lawfully pertain to such

Banking prohibited bodies politic: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be considered as in any way giving to said company any banking privileges, but they shall be exclusively confined to the operations pertaining to the business aforesaid, according to the true intent and meaning of this act: *And provided also,* That each stockholder shall be liable, in his individual

Liabilities of stockholders capacity, for the debts, and performance of all contracts entered into by the said company, to the amount of the balance unpaid on the stock of said stockholders, so that the whole capital stock of the said company, whether paid in or not, shall be liable for the said debts and contracts.

May hold 8000 acres of land **SECTION 2.** The said company shall have the right to hold, either by purchase or lease, not exceeding two thousand acres of land at any one time, the whole to be within the counties of Luzerne and Northampton, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the same or any part thereof to sell, or otherwise dispose of, as the interest of the company may re-

quire: *Provided*, That the said company may hold as above such lot or lots of land, not exceeding five acres in any one place, as may be found convenient as places of deposit, in the transportation and sale of the products of their mines. and Lots

SECTION 3. The capital stock of said company shall be ^{Capital stock} and consist of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and ^{how to be} shall be divided into five thousand shares of fifty dollars each, ^{employed} which capital stock shall only be employed in the holding and purchasing the lands aforesaid, with the improvements, if any, thereon, and in constructing such other improvements, buildings, cars, boats, engines, and machinery, as may be necessary or useful for the mining, transportation and sale of coal, and in the payment of such salaries, wages, and other expenditures, as shall be requisite for the purposes aforesaid of the company; and said stock shall be assignable and transferable according to such rules as the board of directors shall establish.

SECTION 4. When the above named James D. Murray, Daniel Parry, John Fox, Lewis S. Coryell, John C. Parry, Matthew Jenkins, Alexander M. Peltz, Michael Snyder, John H. Briggs, Jesse R. Burden, and William T. Rogers, and their associates, shall have subscribed the whole number of shares aforesaid, and actually paid and expended not less than fifteen per cent. of the capital aforesaid in purchasing ^{Conditions} lands, and in such other investments as are authorized by this ^{when per-} act, for the use of said company, the governor, on due evidence ^{Governor to} thereof, shall, by letters patent, under his hand and the seal of ^{issue letters} the state, create and erect the said James D. Murray, Daniel Parry, John Fox, Lewis S. Coryell, John C. Parry, Matthew C. Jenkins, Alexander M. Peltz, Michael Snyder, John H. Briggs, Jesse R. Burden, and William T. Rogers, and their successors and assigns, into one body corporate, by the name, style and title of the "Hanover coal company."

SECTION 5. The affairs of the said company shall be managed by seven directors, to be chosen annually from the ^{Directors} stockholders. The first election shall be held within thirty days after letters patent aforesaid shall have been issued, of which election public notice shall be given by two or more ^{Election of} of the corporators named in the first section of this act, at least one week prior thereto, in two or more newspapers printed in the counties of Luzerne and Northampton, and one daily newspaper printed in the city of Philadelphia; and the subsequent elections shall be held annually at such convenient time and place as the directors shall determine, of which thirty days' previous notice shall, in like manner, be given by the president of said company, or by any five of the directors: ^{Failure to} *Provided*, That, in the event of a failure to hold such elec-
elect

tion, the former directors may continue in office for a period not exceeding six months, or until such election shall be held.

Elections

Number of votes of stockholders

Right to vote upon transferred stock

Votes by proxy

President and other officers

Instalments of stock, payment of

Penalty on non payment

SECTION 6. The election for directors shall be held by ballot, and each stockholder shall be entitled to vote according to the number of shares held by said stockholder, in the proportion following, that is to say: For each share, and not exceeding four shares, one vote; for every two shares above four, and not exceeding ten, one vote; for every four shares above ten, and not exceeding thirty, one vote; for every ten shares above thirty, and not exceeding one hundred, one vote; for every twenty shares above one hundred, one vote. No share shall confer a right of voting, which shall not have been transferred at least three calendar months prior to the day of election, nor unless it be bona fide held or owned by the person in whose name it appears, in his own right or in that of his wife, or for his or her sole use and benefit, or as executor or administrator, trustee or guardian, or in the right or for the use and benefit of some copartnership, society, or corporation, of which he or she may be a member: and all votes by proxy shall be on such terms and conditions as are prescribed by the act passed on the twenty eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, entitled "An act to regulate proxies."

SECTION 7. The directors shall, as soon as convenient after their election, choose one of their number as president, to serve for one year: they shall also have power to appoint, as occasion may require, all other officers and agents of the company, and to supply vacancies in the board arising from death, resignation, or otherwise, until the next annual election. At all meetings of the board, four directors shall form a quorum to transact business.

SECTION 8. The directors may, from time to time, call in, on thirty days' notice thereof in at least one newspaper printed in the counties of Luzerne and Northampton, and one daily newspaper printed in the city of Philadelphia, such instalments on the stock of said company as they may judge best, not exceeding twenty per cent. thereof at any one time and place appointed; and if any instalment on the stock so called in shall remain unpaid for the space of thirty days after the time so appointed, every such stockholder, or his or her assignee, shall, in addition to the instalment so called for, pay at the rate of two per centum per month for the delay of such payment; and if the same and additional penalty shall remain unpaid for such space of time as that the accumulated penalty shall become equal to the sums before paid, in part and on account of such shares, the same shall be forfeited to the said company, and may be sold to any person or persons willing

to purchase, for such prices as can be obtained for the same; or, in default of payment by any stockholder of any such instalment as aforesaid, the president and directors may, at their election, cause suit to be brought before an alderman or justice of the peace, or in any court having competent jurisdiction, for the recovery of the same, together with the penalty aforesaid: *Provided*, That no stockholder, whether an original subscriber or assignee, shall be entitled to vote at any election, or at any general or special meeting of the said company, on whose share or shares any instalment or arrearages may be due and payable more than thirty days previously to the said election or meeting.

Unpaid instalments disfranchise

SECTION 9. Dividends, of so much of the profits of the company as shall appear to the directors advisable, shall be declared twice a year, and paid to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on demand, at any time after the expiration of ten days after having been declared; but said dividends shall in no case exceed the amount of the nett profits actually acquired by the company, so that the capital stock shall never thereby be impaired; and if any dividend shall be declared which shall impair the capital stock of the said company, the directors consenting thereto shall be liable, in their individual capacities, to said company, for the amount of the stock so divided; and each director-present when such dividend shall be declared, shall be adjudged consenting thereto, unless he shall forthwith give public notice to the stockholders of the declaring of such dividend: *Provided*, That whenever the dividends shall exceed six per cent per annum, the said company shall pay a tax of eight per cent on all such dividends, into the treasury of the state for the purposes of education; and the president of said company shall annually, in the month of January, transmit to the legislature, under oath or affirmation, a statement of the receipts and expenditures thereof, and of any dividends which may have been declared during the preceding year.

Dividends.

When paid

Capital not to be impaired

Penalty

Tax payable to state

SECTION 10. It shall not be lawful for the said president, directors and company, nor any of their agents, nor any other person whatever employed by or under them or any of them, for the purpose contemplated in this act, to enter upon any land which they shall deem necessary for the construction and completion of the said rail road or rail roads, or any part thereof, either by the making of any excavation or embankments, or for the mere purpose of searching for stone, earth, or gravel, or for the felling of timber for the construction and completion of the said road or roads, until the rate of compensation for injuries sustained or to be sustained, by reason of the construction thereof, shall have been previously ascertained and paid, or the amount thereof secured, in such man-

Of compensation for injury to private property

ner as shall prove satisfactory to the owner or owners of such land, which said compensation, if the parties cannot agree thereon, shall be ascertained by six suitable and disinterested persons, to be by them chosen to estimate such damages, who shall be under oath or affirmation, fairly and impartially to estimate the same, and who shall reside within the county where the land lies, and the expenses incurred by the said appraisers shall be defrayed by the said company; but if the parties cannot agree upon such persons, or if the persons so chosen shall not decide upon the matter, or if the owner shall refuse or neglect to join in such appointment within twenty days after the requisition be made upon him for that purpose, or if such owner be *feme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, out of the state, or unknown, then it shall be lawful for the court of common pleas of the county in which the land lies, on application of either party, and at the cost and charge of said company, to appoint six disinterested persons of said county to view, examine and estimate the injury or damage, if any, in their opinion, may be sustained by reason of said rail road or rail roads, and report the same, under their oaths or affirmations, to the said court, within ten days thereafter; which report, if confirmed by said court, judgment shall be entered thereon; and the viewers and appraisers shall be entitled to one dollar per day for their services, to be paid by said company; and it shall be the duty of the said viewers and appraisers to take into consideration, in estimating such injury or damage, the advantages to be derived by said owner or owners of said land by means of said rail road or rail roads: *Provided*, That either party may appeal to the court within thirty days after such report may have been filed in the prothonotary's office of the proper county, in the same manner as appeals are allowed in other cases.

Process against, how to be served

SECTION 11. Any legal process served on any agent or manager of said company, is hereby declared to be, to all intents and purposes, as valid as the same would have been if served on the president and directors thereof.

Company may construct rail roads

SECTION 12. The company hereby incorporated shall have power to construct rail roads, with one or more tracks, from any point or points on their lands, to intersect with the Beaver Meadow and Hazleton rail roads, at such places as they may deem most convenient, (with like powers and restrictions,) or any other rail road in the valleys of Beaver, Hazle, and Quakake, and other neighboring creeks, and Lehigh canal, or any of them: *Provided*, That the said company shall not prevent any person or persons, company or companies, hereafter incorporated, being the owner or owners of land bordering on the said rail road or rail roads, or

adjacent thereto, from making lateral rail roads, and to connect them with said rail road or rail roads from their said lands, as the said person or persons, company or companies may conceive necessary, for the purpose of transporting their coal or produce upon said rail roads, subject to the payment of the following rates of toll, that is to say: on each ton of produce, coal, or other minerals, or of any other goods, wares, merchandize or commodities of any kind whatsoever, not exceeding two and an half cents per ton per mile; on each horse not employed in drawing a carriage or car on which toll is charged, one cent per mile; on each horse and its rider, not exceeding one cent per mile; on every person drawn in a car or carriage, other than the rider, not exceeding one cent per mile; and all fractions not less than half a ton, to be considered as a ton; and if less than half a ton, to be rated at half a ton; and all fractions of half a mile in distance, to be rated at half a mile; and, besides the tolls to be so charged, it shall be lawful for the said company to charge and receive, for the use of the collector of tolls on the said road or roads for the time being, as a compensation for weighing and booking all coal or other minerals which may pass over said road or roads, the further sum of not exceeding one cent per ton on the said coal or other minerals transported on said road or roads; in consideration of which, he shall, at all reasonable times, when so requested, exhibit to any person or persons interested therein, the account of the said coal or other minerals so transported as aforesaid, and deliver to him or them a certified copy thereof, without any other fee or reward; and that the said company shall not be authorized to charge toll on empty coal cars returning from the landings to the mines; and that the turnouts for such lateral roads shall be constructed and kept so as not to interfere with the use of the main road or roads; and all cars or wagons run upon the same, shall be subject to such general rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the company, and be intended to keep the track, of said road or roads free and open for the uninterrupted passage of the cars of every person desiring to travel thereon.

SECTION 13. This act shall continue and be in force until the first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight: *Provided*, That it shall be lawful for the legislature, at any time, to amend or repeal any of the foregoing provisions, and to rescind the powers hereby granted, upon failure of the corporators to comply with any or every part of this act.

LEWIS DEWART,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES B. PENROSE,

Speaker of the Senate.

We do hereby certify, that the bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Hanover coal company," was presented to the governor on Monday, the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and was not returned within three days after the meeting of the legislature in December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight: wherefore it has, agreeably to the provisions of the constitution of this commonwealth, become a law, in like manner as if he had signed it.

J. SEILER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

GEO. W. HAMMERSLEY,

Clerk of the Senate.

HARRISBURG, February 6, 1839.

No. 7.

AN ACT

To repeal so much of the act regulating election districts, passed sixteenth April, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, as annexes part of Franklin county to Adams county.

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 ninety-third section of the act "regulating election districts," passed the sixteenth of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, annexing part of Franklin county to Adams county, be, and the same is hereby repealed.*

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

F. FRALEY,

Speaker of the Senate, pro tempore.

APPROVED—The ninth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

DAVID R. PORTER.