

APPROVED—This seventeenth day of June, A. D., eighteen hundred and thirty-nine.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 136.

## AN ACT

To incorporate the Philadelphia and New Hope rail road 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 Lewis S. Coryell, Joseph D. Murray, Daniel Parry, Daniel Poor, William R. Burtow, Samuel Sutton, John C. Parry, Isaac M'Carty, Lewis Van Horn, H. N. Beaumont, John B. Pugh, Samuel Kinsey, Mordica Thomas, John T. Neely, Martin Coryell, Samuel D. Ingham and William H. Murray, of the county of Bucks, and Edward G. Webb, Samuel Reckless, John Lang, Jr. Thomas M. Temington, William Gilmore, Thomas H. Shriver, Thomas D. Grover, Charles A. Kahler, J. N. Marsellis, Henry Leech, George Read, Thomas Weaver, Hugh Clark, Benjamin Sage, Samuel Hart, Justus Cox, J. J. M'Cahen, John M'Coy, and James Bymes, of the county of Philadelphia, Gove Mitchell, George Rex, Jr., Samuel E. Spencer, George Spencer, John Tyson, Benjamin T. Hallowell, Jonas Wiman, Jonathan Lukens, Charles C. Beatty, Joseph B. Yorker, Nathaniel B. Boileau, John Lloyd, Barclay Jarrett, Asa Comley, John Shelmire, Isaac Scolfield, Thomas Hilborn, Israel Hallowell, John Walton, William Gillingham, Charles Shoemaker, Joshua Jones, Christain Keisel, Ephraim Fenton, Joel K. Mann, John S. Leibert, Samuel E. Leech, Samuel Shoemaker, Isaac Mather, Edwin Tyron, Oliver Paxson, of the county of Montgomery, or any of them, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to do and perform the several things hereinafter mentioned—that is to say, they shall procure a sufficient number of suitable books, in each of which they shall enter as follows: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president and managers of the Philadelphia and New Hope rail road company, the sum of fifty dollars for every share of stock set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and proportions, and at such times as shall be determined by

Commissioners

To open books

Form of subscription

the president and managers of the said company, in pursuance of an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "an act to incorporate the Philadelphia and New Hope rail road company." "Witness our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_," and shall thereupon give notice in two newspapers printed in the county of Bucks, and two daily papers in the city of Philadelphia, three weeks at least, of the times and places, when and where said books shall be kept open to receive subscriptions for the stock of said company, at which respective times and places, one or more of the commissioners shall attend and permit all persons of lawful age who shall offer to subscribe in the said books in their own name, or the name of any other person who shall authorize the same, for any number of shares in the said stock, and the said books shall be kept open respectively, for the purpose aforesaid, at least six hours in every juridical day, for the space of six days, or until there shall have been subscribed, ten thousand shares, and if, at the expiration of six days, the books aforesaid shall not have the number of shares aforesaid, therein subscribed, the said commissioners may adjourn from time to time, and transfer the book or books elsewhere, until the whole number of ten thousand shares shall be subscribed, of which adjournment and transfer, the commissioners aforesaid may give such public notice as the occasion may require, and when the whole number of shares shall be subscribed, then the books shall be closed, but no subscription shall be valid, unless the person so subscribing shall pay to the said commissioners at the time of making the same the sum of five dollars on each share, for the use of the company.

SECTION 2. If more than ten thousand shares shall be subscribed in the time specified in the first section, to the capital stock of the said company, the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall reduce the subscription to ten thousand shares, by striking off from the largest number of shares, in succession, until the subscription shall be reduced to ten thousand shares, or each of the subscriptions to one share. And if there shall be still an excess, then lots shall be drawn by the commissioners to determine who shall be excluded.

SECTION 3. When five thousand shares or more of the said stock shall be subscribed, and five dollars on each share paid to the commissioners, the said commissioners or a majority of them, may certify the same under oath or affirmation to the governor, whereupon the governor shall, by letters patent, under his hand and the seal of the commonwealth,

Notice

Who may  
subscribe

10,000 shares

Of the reduction of shares if more than 10,000 subscribed

Letters patent

create and erect the subscribers, and if the subscription be not full at the time, then also those who shall thereafter subscribe to the number of shares as aforesaid into a body politic and corporate in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The Philadelphia and New Hope Rail Road Company," and by the same name, the subscribers shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of record and elsewhere, and to purchase, receive, have, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods, chattels as may be necessary and requisite, to carry on the business of the said company, and all estate, real, personal or mixed, of what kind or quality soever, and the same from time to time, to sell, mortgage, grant, alien or dispose of, and to make dividends of such portions of the profits as they may deem proper, and also, to make and have a common seal, and the same to alter or renew at pleasure, and also to ordain, establish, and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations as shall appear necessary and convenient for the government of the said corporation, not being contrary to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth, and generally to do all and singular, the matters and things, which to them it shall lawfully appertain to do, for the well-being of the said corporation, and the due management and ordering of the affairs of the same. *Provided*, That nothing herein contained, shall be considered as in any way giving to the said corporation, any banking privileges whatever, or any other liberties, privileges, or franchises, but such as may be necessary or incident to the making and maintaining of the said rail road.

SECTION 4. The said named persons, or a majority of them shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the said letters patent shall be obtained, give at least twenty days previous notice in the newspapers hereinbefore mentioned, of the time and place by them appointed for the subscribers to meet, in order to organize the said company, and to choose by a majority of votes of the said subscribers by ballot, to be given in person or by proxy, which proxy shall have been obtained, and bear date within three months previously to the election, at which such proxy shall be presented, duly authorized, one president and ten managers, a majority of whom shall be residents of this commonwealth, a treasurer and secretaries, and such other officers as shall be deemed necessary; that the president and managers aforesaid, shall conduct the business of said company, until the first Monday of January then next, and until like officers shall be chosen, and may make such by-laws, rules, orders, and regulations, as are not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the

Privileges and liabilities

Seal

By-laws

Proviso

Organization of company.

Officers to be chosen

Proxy

United States, or of this state, and that may be necessary for the well governing the affairs of the company.

- Meeting of stockholders and annual election** SECTION 5. The stockholders shall meet on the first Monday of January, in every year, at such place as may be fixed upon by the by-laws, of which notice shall be given, at least twenty days, by the secretary, in the newspapers before mentioned, and choose by a majority of votes present, their officers for the ensuing year, as mentioned in the fourth section of this act, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others are chosen, and at such other times as they may be summoned by the managers, in such manner and form as shall be prescribed by the by-laws, at which annual or special meeting they shall have full power and authority to make, alter, or repeal by a majority of the votes, in manner aforesaid, all such by-laws, rules, orders, and regulations, as aforesaid, and to do and perform every other corporate act; and the number of votes to which each stockholder shall be entitled, shall be according to the number of shares he or she shall hold, and no share shall confer a right of suffrage, which shall not have been holden three calendar months prior to the election, nor unless it be holden by the person in whose name it appears, absolutely and bona fide, in his own right, or 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, and for the use and benefit of some co-partnership, corporation, or society, of which he or she may be a member, and not in trust for, and to the use and benefit of any other person: *Provided*, That no shares held by transfer, shall be entitled to vote, unless the same shall have been transferred at least three months before the election, 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, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty, entitled "An act to regulate proxies."
- Term of service**
- Ratio of votes and who may vote**
- Proviso**
- Manner of conducting elections** SECTION 6. The election of officers, provided for in the fifth section of the act, shall be conducted in the following manner: that is to say, the managers, for the time being, shall appoint two of the stockholders, not being managers, to be judges of the said election, and to conduct the same, after having severally taken and subscribed on oath or affirmation, before an alderman or justice of the peace, well and truly, and according to law, to conduct such election. And the said judges shall decide on the qualifications of the voters, and when the election is closed, shall count the votes, and declare who has been elected. And if it shall at any time happen that an election of president, managers, treasurer, or other officer shall not be made, the corporation shall not, for that cause, be deemed to be dissolved; but it shall be lawful to hold and
- In case of failure to elect, mode of proceeding**

make such election of president, managers, treasurer, or other officers on the same day, or any other day thereafter, by giving at least ten days notice, signed by the president or secretary, in the newspapers before mentioned, of the time and place of holding said election. And the president, managers, treasurer, and other officers of the preceding year, shall, in that case, continue to act, and be invested with all the powers belonging to their respective situations, until an election shall take place. In case of death or resignation, or removal from the state, of any president, manager, treasurer, or other officer, his place shall be filled by the board of managers, until the next annual election. Of vacancies

SECTION 7. The said president and managers shall meet at such times and places as shall be found most convenient for the transaction of their business, and when met, six shall be a quorum, who, in the absence of the president, may choose a chairman, and shall keep minutes of their transactions fairly entered in a book, and a quorum being formed, they shall have full authority to appoint all such surveyors, engineers, superintendents, and other artists and officers, as they shall deem necessary to carry on the intended work, and to fix their salaries and wages, to ascertain the times, manner, and proportion, in which the said stockholders shall pay the money due on their respective shares, to draw orders on the treasurer for the same, which shall be signed by the president, or in his absence, by a majority of the managers present, and countersigned by the secretary, and generally to do all such other acts, matters, and things, as by this act, and by the by-laws and regulations of the company, they are authorized to do. Meeting of president and managers and their duties  
Salaries of of ficers

SECTION 8. The president and managers first chosen shall procure certificates, or evidence of stock for all the shares of the said company, and shall deliver one such certificate, signed by the president, and countersigned by the treasurer, and sealed with the common seal of the said corporation, to each person, for every such share or shares by him subscribed and held, which certificate, or evidence of stock, shall be transferable at his pleasure, in person or by attorney, (duly authorized in the presence of the president or treasurer, each of whom shall keep a book for the purpose.) subject, however, to all payments due, or to become due thereon; and the assignee, holding any certificate, having first caused the assignment to be entered in a book of the company, to be kept for the transfer of stock, shall be a member of the said corporation; and for every certificate assigned to him, as aforesaid, shall be entitled to a share or shares, as is therein mentioned, of the capital stock, and of all the estates and emoluments of the company, incident to such Certificates of stock  
Of transfers

Penalties and share or shares, and to vote, as aforesaid, at the meetings thereof, and subject to all penalties and forfeitures, and of forfeitures being sued for all the balances and penalty due, or to become due on each share, as the original subscriber would have been.

Penalty for neglect to pay instalments

SECTION 9. If after thirty days notice in the public papers, aforesaid, of the time and place appointed for the payment of any proportion or instalment of the said capital stock, in order to carry on the work, any stockholder shall neglect to pay any such proportion or instalment, at the place appointed, for the space of thirty days after the time so appointed, every such stockholder, or his 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 managers may, at their election, cause suit to be brought before any 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 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.

Proviso

Bonds to be given by certain officers

SECTION 10. The president and managers of the company, shall demand and require of, and from the treasurer, and all and every other the officers and other persons by them employed, bond in sufficient penalties, and with such securities as they shall by their rules, orders, and regulations require, for the faithful discharge of the several duties and trusts to them, or any of them, respectively committed.

Dividends

SECTION 11. Dividends of so much of the profits of the institution, as shall appear advisable to the managers, shall be declared at least twice a year, in every year, and paid to the stockholders on demand, at any time after the expiration of ten days therefrom, but they shall in no case exceed the amount of nett profits actually acquired by the company, so that the capital stock shall never be thereby impaired. If the said directors shall make any dividend, which shall impair the capital stock of the said institution, the managers consenting thereto, shall be liable in their individual capacities to said

Amount limited

company, for the amount of the stock so divided; and each manager present when such dividend shall be made, shall be adjudged to be consenting thereto, unless he forthwith enter his protest on the minutes of the board, and give public notice to the stockholders at the declaring of such dividend: *Provided*, No such dividend shall exceed fifteen per centum per annum, nor shall the contingent fund of the company at any time exceed one-fourth of their capital stock.

SECTION 12. When actual operations shall have commenced, and at the end of every year thereafter, there shall be furnished to the legislature an abstract of the accounts of the company, showing the whole amount of their capital actually paid into the funds of the company, the sums expended, the tolls and other profits accruing within the year, and the amount of dividends declared in each year, or the losses sustained, as the case may be, which abstract shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the president of the company for the time being; and said company shall pay annually into the treasury of the commonwealth a tax of eight per centum on all dividends which may exceed six per centum on the capital stock actually paid in.

SECTION 13. The president and managers of the said rail road company shall have power to survey, lay down, ascertain, mark and fix such route as they shall deem expedient for a double or single rail road, beginning at Philadelphia and terminating in the borough of New Hope, on the river Delaware, having due regard to the situation or nature of the ground and of the buildings thereon, the public convenience and the interest of the stockholders, and so as to do the least damage to private property; and the said road shall not pass through any burying ground nor place of public worship, nor any dwelling house, without the consent of the owner thereof, nor shall it pass through any out building of the value of three hundred dollars, without such consent; and the said corporation having obtained the necessary authority from the legislature of New Jersey so to do, may also construct a bridge across the Delaware river at the termination of their road, and extend their rail road across the same, and the said president, managers and company shall, within six months after ascertaining the route of the said rail road, cause an accurate survey of the lines of the said road to be made, a map or plot of which survey they shall cause to be filed in the secretary's office of this state, which map or plot, or a certified copy thereof, shall be sufficient evidence of the course of said road, which may then be opened, and all the expenses incurred thereby shall be defrayed by said company.

SECTION 14. It shall be lawful for the president, mana-

**Right to enter upon lands** gers and company of the said rail road company and their agents, and all persons employed by or under them, for the purpose contemplated in this act, to enter upon any land which they shall deem necessary for laying out said road, and also for the purpose of searching for stone, sand or gravel, or wood, for constructing said road, but no stone, sand, gravel or wood, shall be taken away from any land without the consent of the owner thereof, until compensation for the same be ascertained and paid, which compensation, if the parties cannot agree thereon, shall be ascertained in the manner hereinafter prescribed, as to the compensation for lands over which the said road may be laid.

**Compensation to owners**

**Single or double track**

**Purchase of lands**

**Mode of ascertaining damages to private property**

SECTION 15. It shall and may be lawful for the company hereby incorporated to make, erect and establish a single or double track rail road on the route laid out as aforesaid, and they are hereby also empowered to make and establish lateral tracks not exceeding one and a half mile in length, and all works, edifices and devices to such rail road as may by the said company be deemed expedient for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects of their incorporation, and also to contract and agree with the owner or owners for the purchase of any lands or tenements which may be necessary for the purpose of constructing the said rail road.

SECTION 16. Whenever it shall be necessary for the president, managers and company of the said rail road company to enter in and upon, and occupy for the purpose of making said rail road, any land upon which the same may be located, if the owner or owners of the said land shall refuse to permit such entry and occupation, and the parties cannot agree upon the compensation to be made for any injury or supposed injury that may be done to such land by such entry and occupation, it shall and may be lawful for the parties to appoint six suitable and disinterested persons to estimate such damage, a majority of whom shall, under oath or affirmation, fairly and impartially to estimate the same, and shall reside within the proper county where the land lies, and the expenses incurred by the said appraisers shall be defrayed by the said rail road 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 of such land shall refuse or neglect to join in such appointment within twenty days after requisition for that purpose upon him made, or if such owner shall be *feme covert*, under age, *non compos mentis*, or out of the state, 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 costs and charges of the said corporation, to appoint six disinterested persons of the said county to view, examine and survey the said lands, tenements or here-

ditaments, and estimate the injury or damage, if any in their apprehension will be sustained as aforesaid, by reason of said rail road, and report the same under their oaths or affirmations to the said court, which report being confirmed by the said court, judgment shall be entered thereon, and the said viewers shall be entitled to the like fees for their services as are allowed by law to the viewers of public roads and highways, to be paid by the said company; and it shall be the duty of the appraisers, in estimating such injury or damage, to take into consideration the advantage that will be derived to the owner or owners of the said lands from the said rail road. *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, and upon the coming in of such a report or inquisition and the confirmation thereof, or upon final judgment an appeal therefrom, and the said company shall pay such owner the sums in such report or judgment specified, in full compensation for the injury sustained as aforesaid, and the said company, and all who act under them, shall be acquitted and freed from all responsibility for, and on account of, such injury. *Provided*, That upon payment or securing the payment of the amount of damages which may be confirmed by the said court, the report of said viewers or appraisers to the owners of said land, the said president and managers, their agents or contractors, for making or repairing the said road, may immediately take and use the same without awaiting the issue of proceeding as hereinbefore prescribed.

SECTION 17. The said rail road shall be so constructed by the said company, as not to obstruct or impede the free use and passage of any public road or roads, which may cross or enter at the same, being now laid out, or hereafter to be laid out; and in all places where the said rail road may cross, or in any way interfere with any public road, it shall be the duty of said company to make, or cause to be made, a sufficient causeway or causeways to enable all persons passing or travelling such public road, to cross and pass over the said rail road, which causeway or causeways shall be made and maintained by the said company, and the sufficiency of the same shall be judged of by the supervisor or supervisors of the proper township, at the expense of the said company, and if the said company shall refuse or neglect to make such causeway or causeways, or when made, to keep the same in good repair, they shall be liable to pay a penalty of five dollars for every time the same shall be so refused or neglected, to be made or repaired, to be recovered by the supervisor of the township with costs for the use of the township as debts

Proviso

Right of appeal

2nd proviso

Payment or tender thereof

Not to obstruct public roads

Of causeways

Neglect to make them

Penalty and mode of recovery

of like amount are by law recoverable, and shall moreover be liable to an action or actions at the suit of any person who may be aggrieved thereby, and the service or process upon any officer or agent of said company shall be as good and available in law, as if served upon the president thereof.

**SECTION 18.** For the accommodation of all persons owning or possessing land through which the said rail road may or shall pass, and to prevent inconvenience to such persons in crossing or passing over the same, it shall be the duty of the said company, when required, to make or cause to be made a good and sufficient causeway or causeways, wherever the same may be necessary to enable the occupant or occupants of said land, to cross or pass over the same with wagons, carts, and implements of husbandry, as occasion may require. *Provided,* That the said company shall in no case be required to make, or cause to be made, more than one such causeway through each plantation or lot of land, for the accommodation of any one person owning or possessing land through which the rail road may or shall pass, and where any public road shall cross said railroad, the person owning or possessing land through which the said road shall pass, shall not be entitled to make such requisition on said company. And the said causeways when so made, shall be maintained and kept in repair by said company. And if the said company shall neglect or refuse to make such causeway or causeways, or when made, to keep the same in good repair, the said company shall be liable to pay any person aggrieved thereby, all the damages sustained by such person in consequence of such refusal or neglect, to be sued for and recovered before any magistrate, or any court having cognizance thereof, and the service of process upon any officer or agent of said company, shall be as good and as available in law as if served upon the president thereof. *Provided,* That this act shall not be so construed as to prevent owners of land, through whose property the said rail road passes, from constructing a causeway or crossing place, over said rail road, but the same to be such as are usually made by the said company.

**Causeways for occupants of lands, &c.**

**Proviso**

**Who may require causeways to be made**

**Company to keep them in repair**

**Of service of process**

**2nd proviso**

**SECTION 19.** No suit or action shall be brought or prosecuted, by any person or persons, for any penalties incurred under this act, unless such suit or action shall be commenced within six months after the offence shall have been committed, or the cause of action shall have occurred, and the defendant or defendants in such suit or action, may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, and that the same was done in pursuance and by authority of this act.

**SECTION 20.** On the completion of the said rail road, or any

portion of one track, not less than ten miles, the same shall be esteemed a public highway for the conveyance of passengers, merchandize and commodities, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the managers, and it shall and may be lawful for the said company, to demand and receive such sum or sums of money, for toll, of persons and property, as they shall from time to time think reasonable. *Provided*, That the toll on any species of property, shall not exceed seven cents per ton per mile, and upon passengers, more than four cents per mile, and the legislature reserves the right to reduce, and regulate the tolls hereby authorized. And it shall be further lawful, for the president and managers of the said company, to prescribe the kind of carriages, wagons and conveyances, which shall be used on the said rail road, for the transportation of the mail, persons and commodities, and to adopt such regulations as to the transit of wagons and carriages on the said road, as may seem to them most conducive to the interests of the public and of persons using the same.

To be a public highway

Of tolls

Proviso

Rights of company as to kind of conveyance, &amp;c.

SECTION 21. If any owner or driver of any car, carriage, wagon or conveyance, upon the said rail road, shall pass by any place appointed for receiving toll, without making payment thereof, with intent to defraud the said company, he, she or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, for the use of said company, the sum of twenty dollars, to be sued for and recovered by action of debt, before any justice of the peace, in like manner, and subject to the same rules and regulations, as debts under one hundred dollars may be sued for and recovered, together with costs of suit.

Penalty for neglect of payment of tolls with intent to defraud

SECTION 22. If any person or persons, shall wilfully and knowingly break, injure or destroy, the rail road or any part thereof, or any work, edifice, or device, or any part thereof, to be erected by the said company, in pursuance of this act, he, she or they, shall forfeit and pay to the said company the actual damages, so sustained, to be sued for and recovered, with costs of suit, in any court having cognizance thereof, by action of debt, in the name and for the use of the said company, and shall be subject to indictment in the court of quarter sessions, in the proper county, and upon conviction of such offence shall be punished, by fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

Penalty for injuring rail-road

SECTION 23. If the said corporation shall not carry into effect the objects of this charter, within the time of ten years from the passage of this act, or if, after the completion of the said rail road, the said corporation shall suffer the same to go to decay, and be impassable for the term of two years, then

Time of completion, &amp;c.

this charter shall become null and void, except so far as compels said company to make reparation for damages.

Increase of  
capital stock

SECTION 24. If an increase of the capital stock be deemed necessary by the stockholders, to complete the said rail road, it may be lawful for the said president, managers and company, at a stated or special meeting, convened for the purpose, to increase the number of shares, so that the capital of said company shall not exceed seven hundred thousand dollars, and to receive and demand the moneys, for shares so subscribed, in like manner and under like penalties, as are herein before provided for, in the original subscription, as shall be provided for by their by-laws.

Right to an-  
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SECTION 25. That the legislature reserve the right to repeal, alter or amend, the within act, at any time, in such manner, however, that no damage may be done to the corporators.

WM. HOPKINS,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

CHARLES B. PENROSE,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The seventeenth day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine.

DAVID R. PORTER.

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Commission-  
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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 John A. Shulze, Charles Lloyd, John Scheetz, Nathaniel Burrows, Manning Stevenson, Amos Scott, John Miller, William C. Hale, John Hutchins, Thomas W. Lloyd, Ellis Lewis, James Armstrong, Robert Fleming, Tunison Coryell, J. H. Cowden, Joseph B. Anthony, William Buckley, Oliver Watson, of Lycoming county, and Archibald Robertson, William Rawle, Jr., Richard Peters, Thomas Astley and Archibald M'Call, of the city of Philadelphia, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to do and perform the several things hereinafter mentioned—that is to say, they or any three of them, shall procure a sufficien*