

On bridge at
Riders ferry

if the canal commissioners should be of opinion that the interest of the commonwealth will be better promoted by erecting a towing path to the bridge now in contemplation, to be erected at Rider's ferry, where the rope ferry now crosses, they shall enter into contract with the bridge company at Rider's ferry, for the construction of a towing path for the use of the commonwealth, in connexion with said bridge.

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES B. PENROSE,

Speaker of the Senate.

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

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 39.

RESOLUTIONS

Authorizing the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Berks county to record certain papers in his office, and to perform certain other services, and for other purposes.

Clerk O. C.
Berks county
to make cer-
tain entries
and indexes

RESOLVED, *By the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met,* That the clerk of the orphans' court of the county of Berks is hereby authorized, under the direction of the judges of the said court, or any two of them, to make the necessary and proper docket entries of the proceedings of said court from the papers on file in the office of the said clerk, in all cases where such entries have not heretofore been made by the proper officers, between the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and the fifteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, and to make a full and complete index of all matters contained in the books of docket entries, and also, to file and arrange all the papers in said office.

To file papers

RESOLVED, That after the docket entries and indexes shall have been completed, and the papers filed and arranged in a manner to be approved of by the orphans' court, it shall be

the duty of said court to allow such compensation to said clerk, for performing the services before directed, as shall be considered reasonable, but not to exceed the fees allowed by law to the clerk of the orphans' court for similar services, the amount to be certified by the court to the commissioners of the county of Berks, and paid out of the county treasury. *Provided*, That the cost shall not exceed one thousand dollars. Compensatiⁿ

RESOLVED, That the register of wills, recorder of deeds, and prothonotary, and clerks of the several courts in the county of Bucks, be, and they are hereby authorized and required, under the direction of the judges of said courts, or any two of them, to make the necessary and proper docket entries of the proceedings of said courts from the papers on file, where such entries have not heretofore been made by the proper officers, and to make a full and complete index of all matters contained in the books of docket entries, and also, to file and arrange all the papers in said office, and on the same being approved by the court of said county it shall be the duty of the court of common pleas to fix the amount of compensation, which shall be paid the proper officers for said services, and certify the same to the commissioners of Bucks county, who shall draw their warrant on the county treasurer in favor of the respective officers for the amount thereof. Bucks county papers in public offices to be arranged and indexed
Compensatiⁿ

RESOLVED, That from and after the first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, it shall be the duty of the sheriff and prothonotary of the counties of Bucks and Northumberland, to pay over to the crier of the courts of the said counties the sum of twelve and a half cents on every bill of costs, where the said charge for the crier of the courts has been or shall hereafter be collected and received by the said sheriff or prothonotary, which said fee of twelve and a half cents is hereby confirmed and appropriated to the said crier in every case, as aforesaid. The said crier shall receive the sum of twenty-five cents for making proclamation for the acknowledgement of sheriff's deeds, and the sum of twelve and a half cents for every recognizance forfeited in the courts of oyer and terminer and quarter sessions. Bucks and Northumberland land pay of court criers

RESOLVED, That the books required for records in the offices of the prothonotaries and clerks of the several courts of this commonwealth, and in the offices of the register of wills and recorder of deeds of the several counties, shall be purchased by the proper officer and paid for out of the county treasury, by orders drawn on the treasurer by the commissioners of the proper county. Blank books for use of county to be paid out of county treasury

WHEREAS, The die of the great seal of this commonwealth, at present in use in the office of the secretary of the common- Preamble

wealth, has become so much worn as to be no longer fit for service. *And whereas*, The secretary cannot alter or renew said seal without the concurrence of the legislature :

Therefore,

Great seal to
be renewed

RESOLVED, That the secretary of the commonwealth, be, and he is hereby authorized and required to purchase, for the use of his office, a new seal of the same devices as the seal now used, which shall be exclusively used from and after the fourth day of September next, as the great seal of this commonwealth; and the cost thereof shall be paid out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated; and that the seal now used shall be defaced and destroyed after the said fourth day of September next.

Compensati'n
to John Gest
late recorder
Philadelphia
for arranging
papers

RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the judges of the court of common pleas of the county of Philadelphia, to ascertain what sum of money, if any, would be a fair and equitable compensation to John Gest, late register of wills, for his care, and trouble, and expense, for having brought up neglected records, files, papers, and so forth, in the register's office of said county, and that they direct the same to be paid to him out of such funds, and in the same manner as re-copying isolated books and indexes, per order of the judges of the court of common pleas, by law is now payable. *Provided*, The said John Gest shall give notice to the commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, of the time and place the said judges will meet, to ascertain what sum of money, if any, will be justly due him.

Courts direct-
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county rec-
ords indexed
and papers fi-
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RESOLVED, It shall be the duty of the judges of the courts of common pleas of the several counties of this commonwealth, as often as the recorder of deeds, register of wills, or clerk of the orphans' court of any county shall be superseded, and as much oftener as shall be requisite to ascertain if the records, books, indexes, and files of their respective offices be kept and left as the law contemplates, and if neglect is apparent to direct the deficiency to be performed by the proper officers, and where the same arose from the neglect or misconduct of a preceding officer, they shall assess and order a just and reasonable compensation for said service, to be by said court certified to the commissioners, and paid out of the treasury of the proper county.

Compensati'n

RESOLVED, It shall be the duty of the judges of the several courts of this commonwealth, as often as the prothonotaries, or clerks of their respective courts shall be superseded, and as much oftener as they may deem expedient to ascertain whether the books, files, indexes, and papers of the respective offices are kept and left as the law contemplates, and if neglect and deficiency appear to direct the same to be performed by the proper officer, and where the same arose from

the neglect or misconduct of a preceding officer, they shall order the commissioners of said county to pay for the same, by orders drawn on the county treasurer, such reasonable, fair, and equitable compensation as said judges may deem just and proper.

RESOLVED, It shall be the duty of the county commissioners aforesaid, when they have paid such compensation, ordered to be paid, as aforesaid, to proceed to collect the same for the use of the county of the defaulting officer. Compensation to be collected from defaulting officer

RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed to superintend the repairs of the Cumberland road, shall hereafter receive three dollars per day for each day actually employed. Pay of commissioners to superintend Cumberland road
Provided, It shall not exceed one hundred and fifty days in any one year.

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.

No. 40.

RESOLUTION

Relative to the claim of Alexander Johnston, and others.

RESOLVED, *By the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met*, That the canal commissioners be, and they are hereby instructed to examine the claim of Alexander Johnston, and allow him such compensation as they may think just, and shall certify the amount, so allowed, to the state treasurer, who, upon the production of such certificate, shall pay the same to the said Alexander Johnston, out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated. Canal Comr's to settle claim of Alex. Johnston