

office of the secretary of this commonwealth, the stockholders of the said companies shall become one body corporate and politic, under the name and style of the Philadelphia and Saint Louis telegraph company, with all the rights and privileges incident to a corporation, and with all the rights, powers and privileges which by virtue of this act are vested in the company hereby incorporated.

SECTION 10. It shall be the duty of the president and secretary of every telegraphic company, incorporated or otherwise, within the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to make an annual statement under oath or affirmation, to the auditor general, of the affairs and condition of every such company, setting forth the amount of the capital stock paid in, the amount of receipts and expenditures, and the amount of the dividends declared for the then current year, such statement to be made and returned in the month of November, in each and every year; and if said president and secretary shall neglect or refuse to make and return to the auditor general such annual statement, a tax of five per cent. shall then and in that case be levied on the capital stock, to be collected in the same manner as is provided for, for the collection of debts due the commonwealth.

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SECTION 11. This charter shall continue in force for the period of twenty years and no longer, unless renewed by the legislature; and the legislature hereby reserves the right to alter, amend or annul this charter, whenever its privileges may be abused, or whenever its provisions may be found injurious to the citizens of this commonwealth.

Term of charter.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE DARSIE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 197.

AN ACT

For the relief of John Brotherline.

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 auditor general be and is hereby authorized to examine the claim of John Brotherline, for the erection of a lock house on the Juniata*

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division of the Pennsylvania canal, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and report the facts to the legislature.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE DARSIE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 198.

AN ACT

To confirm and establish a certain state road in the county of Beaver, and to vacate another road parallel thereto.

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 so much of a county road, known as the lower road, laid out by order of the quarter sessions of Beaver county, lying and being between the crossing of Mahoning creek and Leonard's bridge, in the aforesaid county, be and the same is hereby confirmed and established; and that all other roads, state or county, laid out and opened between the same points, be and the same are hereby vacated.*

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE DARSIE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.