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islature an abstract of the accounts of the company, showing the amount of capital paid in, and the debts of the said company, the amounts received for tolls, and the rate charged, and the amount of dividends declared. which abstract shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the president or treasurer of the said company; two copies of the same shall be made out, one of which shall be sent to the speaker of the house of representatives of this commonwealth, the other to the auditor general of the same; the said company shall pay into the treasury of this commonwealth a tax of eight per centum on all dividends exceeding twelve per centum on the capital stock paid in.

Commencement
and completion of
road.

SECTION 25. If the president, managers and company shall not proceed to carry on the said work within three years from the passage of this act, and shall not complete the same within seven years, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, or if after the completion of the said road, the said company shall suffer the same to go to decay, and become impassable for the term of one year, then this charter shall become null and void, except so far as compels the said company to make reparation for damages.

Reservation.

SECTION 26. If the said company shall at any time misuse or abuse any of the privileges hereby granted, the legislature may resume all and singular the rights and privileges hereby granted to the said corporation, and shall have power to revoke and annul the same: *Provided*, That no injustice thereby may be done to the corporators.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 392.

AN ACT

To erect the village of Bridesburg, in the county of Philadelphia, into a borough.

Name.

Boundaries.

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 inhabitants of that part of the township of the unincorporated Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, known as the village Bridesburg, and the same is hereby erected into a borough, which shall be called the borough of Bridesburg, and shall be comprised within the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning at the junction of the Frankford creek and the river Delaware, extending along said Frankford creek in south-westwardly direction, to a corner of land of Mister William Reynolds; thence along said William Reynolds' line in a south-eastwardly*

direction, until it strikes the river Delaware; thence along said river Delaware to the place of beginning, be and they and their successors forever are hereby constituted a body politic in fact and in law, by the name, style and title, of the commissioners and inhabitants of Bridesburg, in the county of Philadelphia, and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and they and their successors shall at all times forever be able and capable in law to purchase, have, hold, take, receive, possess and enjoy lands, tenements, hereditaments, liberties, franchises, jurisdictions, goods, chattels and effects, and the same to grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey or devise at their pleasure; and by the name aforesaid, are and forever shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all courts of record and elsewhere, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, pleas, causes and matters and things that to them as a body politic and corporate in law and in fact shall and may appertain, and to have and use one common seal; and the powers of said corporation shall be invested in five persons, residents of said borough, who shall be elected and constitute a board of commissioners, and have full power to employ one or more surveyor and regulator, or surveyors or regulators.

SECTION 2. The inhabitants living within the said district who are or shall be qualified agreeably to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, to vote for members to serve in the general assembly, shall meet at the Bridesburg hall, between the hours of two in the afternoon, and eight in the evening, on the first Monday in May next, and then and there choose by ballot out of such of the qualified voters residing within the said district, in the manner prescribed for choosing members in the house of representatives of this commonwealth, five suitable persons to serve as commissioners in and for the said district, two for one year, and three for two years, and in a like manner all succeeding years; and the said commissioners who shall be elected on the first Monday in May next as aforesaid, shall meet together at the said hall, between the hours of three and six, P. M., on the first Thursday after said election, and after being qualified as hereinafter directed, shall organize by electing a treasurer, clerk, president and solicitor, and make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for their government, and shall fix upon some place for their future meeting, which place and rules and regulations may be altered by said commissioners from time to time as they shall deem necessary, and on the first Thursday after every succeeding election, the commissioners elected at the time, shall together with those whose period of service shall not have expired, meet at the place appointed for holding such meeting, and shall after the said commissioners elect be qualified as hereinafter directed, proceed to the business of said corporation.

SECTION 3. And that the said commissioners have full power and authority to elect one suitable person, a resident of said district, to act and serve as constable of said district for the term of one year.

SECTION 4. That all elections to be held in pursuance of this act, on the first Monday in May next, and annually thereafter, shall be conducted by one judge and two inspectors, to be chosen as judges and inspectors are now chosen in other incorporated districts of the county of Philadelphia, and the judge and inspectors so chosen shall take an oath or affirmation, before some judge or justice of the peace of the said county, before entering on the duties in and by this act enjoined, well and faithfully to discharge the same, according to the best of his or their skill or ability; and all elections to be held after the first Monday in May next, shall be held at such place as the said commissioners shall appoint within the said district, of which elections the said commis-

Body politic.
Style.

Privileges.

Purchase lands,
&c.

Seal.

Board of com-
missioners.

Qualification of
citizens.

Annual elections.

Commissioners.

Officers.

Power to elect
one constable.

Officers of elec-
tion.

To be qualified.

Notice.	sioners shall give at least ten days' notice, by hand-bills posted up in at least ten of the most public places within said district.
Elections, how conducted.	SECTION 5. That all elections to be held in pursuance of this act, shall be held and conducted in like manner as by the laws of this commonwealth is or shall be directed for holding the general election for persons to serve in the house of representatives, under and subject to the same rules and penalties ; and when such elections shall be closed the judge and inspectors of the same, or a majority of them, shall under their respective hands and seals certify to the board of commissioners the names of the commissioners elect, with the number of votes in favor of each, and shall within two days after such election give notice in writing to each of the commissioners elect, of their respective elections.
Commissioners to be qualified.	SECTION 6. Each commissioner elect and returned as aforesaid shall, before he enters on the duties of said office, take an oath or affirmation before some judge or justice of the peace of the county of Philadelphia, well and faithfully to execute the office of a commissioner of the said district, and shall thereupon, without any further or other commission, enter upon the duties thereof.
Power to fill vacancies.	SECTION 7. That in case of a vacancy or vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise, the remaining commissioners, being a majority of the whole number, shall have power to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring, and the person or persons so chosen shall serve until the next general election.
Quorum.	SECTION 8. That a majority of the whole number of commissioners shall be a quorum to transact business ; and the said commissioners shall
No compensation	not receive any compensation for their services, and at all their meetings the door of their place of meeting shall be opened for the admission of any peaceable and orderly citizen.
Powers.	SECTION 9. That the commissioners shall have full power and authority to make, ordain and establish such laws, ordinances and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, and to appoint such officers under such restrictions as they shall deem necessary for the good order and government of the said district, and the same to alter and annul as circumstances may require.
When laws and regulations to go into operation.	SECTION 10. That no law or regulation of said commissioners shall go into operation until the same shall be published in <i>one more</i> public newspapers in the city or county of Philadelphia, and in hand-bills posted up in not less than ten of the most public places in the said district.
Party walls, widths, &c.	SECTION 11. That it shall not be lawful hereafter to erect any party wall between party and party, within the said district, of a less width than nine inches for brick, and sixteen inches for stone work ; nor shall such party wall in any case be placed or extended more than four and a half inches for brick work, and eight inches for stone work, beyond any party line upon the ground adjoining that on which any building may be erected ; and the first builder shall be <i>re-imbursed</i> one moiety of the value of such party wall, or so much thereof as the next builder shall have occasion to make use of before the next builder shall use or break into said wall or walls ; the value thereof to be fixed by any one or more of said regulators, or by arbitrators mutually chosen.
Treasurer.	SECTION 12. That the said commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and enjoined to appoint a treasurer of the said corporation, who shall not at the same time be a commissioner, and who, before he enters on the duties of his office, shall give satisfactory security to the said commissioners, in such penalty as they may deem sufficient, conditioned that he will well and faithfully execute his office under the direction of the said commissioners ; that he will not apply the money
Security.	
Conditioned.	

of the corporation to his own private purposes; and that he will once in every year, or oftener if required, render and settle his accounts with said commissioners.

SECTION 13. The said commissioners shall have full power and authority to regulate all the streets, lanes and alleys, and the foot-ways streets, lanes and that are laid out, or that may hereafter be laid out by private citizens, alleys. or the court of quarter sessions, and to fix the several heights and grades To fix heights of the same; and the said streets, lanes and alleys shall be taken as and grades. public highways, over which the said commissioners shall exercise such jurisdiction from time to time, as circumstances, or the convenience of the public may require.

SECTION 14. They shall also have power to employ a competent person or persons to run and ascertain the lines of all the streets, lanes to ascertain lines, and alleys now laid out, or hereafter to be laid out, from the best &c. records that can be obtained from the proper offices.

SECTION 15. That all public landing places at the junction of the said streets in the said district, with the river Delaware or otherwise, which Public landing places to be under the jurisdiction of the aforesaid board of commissioners, and their successors, who shall of the jurisdiction of the commissioners. have authority to let permits for landing on said wharves or landings, and all funds arising from the same, shall be appropriated to the benefit of the corporation of said district; and the governor is hereby authorized to appoint one of the citizens of said district as warden, who shall point warden. enjoy all the privileges and powers, and be subject to the same laws as the present members of the board of wardens of the port of Philadelphia.

SECTION 16. That the said board of commissioners shall have full power and authority to lay annually any tax not exceeding three mills Tax. on the dollar on the value, agreeably to the assessment made by the assessor or assessors of the above named township, of all the real estate within the said limits; and also on all persons residing within the same, and their occupation, to be applied to the purpose of defraying the expenses of the general survey and regulations aforesaid; and to have the like powers to collect the same, as is exercised in collecting the Collection thereof county tax within this commonwealth; and all taxes when collected, shall be paid to the treasurer for the use of the said corporation: Pro- Proviso. vided always, That the said district shall not hereafter be assessed, or bound to contribute towards any tax whatever, or in maintaining and repairing any roads or highways, other than those assessed within the limits aforesaid.

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