

as to require said road to be opened only to the width of thirty-three feet.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 449.

AN ACT

To establish a public Ferry on the Allegheny River at Thomas Moran's, in Cornplanter township, Venango 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 Thomas Moran, his heirs and assigns, shall have the right and privileges at his or their own proper cost and charges, to make good and convenient landings on each side of the Allegheny river, at or near his own residence in Cornplanter and Cranberry townships, Venango county, and also the right and privilege of erecting posts on his own lands contiguous to said landings, and to extend therefrom and across said river Allegheny, a rope, chain or wire, in order to facilitate the crossing said stream: *Provided,* That the said rope, chain or wire shall be so extended as not to interfere with or obstruct the ascent or descent of crafts navigating said river.

Thomas Moran to make landings.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. That said Thomas Moran, his heirs and assigns shall keep good and substantial boats and flats, and careful ferrymen who shall constantly as occasion may require, attend for the purpose of transporting travelers and others across the said river; and on failure thereof, unless prevented by some unavoidable occurrence, he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine of five dollars, besides the actual damages done to any person who shall suffer detention therefrom, and shall sue for the same within ten days thereafter, before any justice of the peace within the township of Cornplanter, in the county of Venango.

To keep boats, flats, &c.

SECTION 3. That said Thomas Moran, his heirs and assigns for keeping and maintaining the said landing and ferry as aforesaid, shall receive compensation from persons passing over said river at said ferry, at the following rates to wit: for each foot person, five cents; for each person and horse, ten cents; for each one horse carriage, eighteen and three-quarter cents; for each two horse carriage or wagon, twenty five cents; for each four horse wagon, thirty-seven and a-half cents; for each additional horse, five cents; for each yoke of oxen, ten cents; and for each head of horned or neat cattle, led or drove, three cents; for each head of sheep or swine, led or driven, one cent.

Compensation.

Penalty for injuries to works.

SECTION 4. That if any person or persons shall willfully pull down, cut, break or in any manner injure or destroy any post, ropes, wires, chains, boats or other property belonging to the said ferry, he, she or they so offending, shall each and every of them forfeit and pay to the said proprietor or proprietors, the sum of fifteen dollars, in addition to all damages sustained by the said proprietor or proprietors, to be recovered as debts of like amount are by law recoverable, or in default of payment thereof, undergo imprisonment in the county prison for any term not exceeding three months, at the discretion of the justice before whom suit is brought.

Duties of courts when rates of ferriage are too high.

SECTION 5. That at any time when twenty or more citizens shall petition, the court of quarter sessions in the county of Venango, setting forth that they have just reason to believe that the rates of ferriage are too high and ought to be reduced, or too low and ought to be increased; it shall be the duty of the said court to lay the same before the grand jury of the said county, who are hereby authorized and required to hear the parties, and if in the opinion of a majority of them, the rates are too high or too low, they shall reduce or raise the same in proportion as they may deem equitable and just: *Provided*, That the aforesaid ferry shall be and is hereby made subject to such other rules and regulations as the court of quarter sessions may direct.

Proviso.

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AN ACT

To incorporate the East Mahanoy Railroad Company.

Commissioners.

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 Roland Jones, Richard Carter, John Anderson, Robert Ratcliff, R. A. Heaton, George Wiggan and Benjamin T. Hughes, of the county of Schuylkill, and John Tucker, Thomas Biddle, Francis N. Buck and Cornelius Stevenson, of the city of Philadelphia, and their associates, or any two of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to open books, receive subscriptions, and organize a company by the name, style and title of the "East Mahanoy railroad company," with all the powers, and subject to all the revisions and restrictions prescribed by an act, entitled "An act regulating railroad companies," approved

Style.

Subject to provisions of certain act.