

No. 456.

AN ACT

Appointing commissioners to review and lay out a State road from Waynesburg, Greene county, to the west end of Washington county, in a direction of West Union, in the State of Virginia.

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 Commissioners. John Birch, of Washington county, and John L. Crawford and Richard Jams, of Greene county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to review and lay out a State road beginning at Waynesburg, Greene county, to intersect a State road now locating or about to be located from Shepherds bridge on the National road, to the Virginia State line near West Union ; it shall be the duty of said commissioners after having been duly sworn or affirmed, before a justice of the peace to perform the duties enjoined upon them by this act, with impartiality and fidelity, to carefully view the present road and parts adjacent between the aforesaid points, and lay out the same as near the route. of the existing road as the requisite improvement of the said road will admit; the vertical departure from a horizontal line at no place to exceed four degrees, excepting only at a crossing of ravines and streams, where by moderate excavations, filling or bridging, the declination of the said road may be preserved within that limit.

SECTION 2. That the commissioners herein named, except the surveyor, who shall receive two dollars per day ; shall receive a per diem allowance of one dollar and fifty cents, for each day they shall be necessarily employed in performing the duties under this act, and the said commissioners are hereby authorized to employ two chain carriers and one axe-man, at one dollar and fifty cents each, for every day necessarily employed. Compensation.

SECTION 3. That the said commissioners shall with as little delay as possible after said survey, make out their drafts of said road as located, whereon shall be noted the courses and distances, the crossing of streams, of county and township lines, one of which shall be forwarded by mail to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be filed in his office as a matter of record, and one to be filed in the office of the clerk of the court of quarter sessions, in the respective counties through which the road may pass ; which clerks are hereby authorized on the filing of said drafts, to issue an order on the supervisors of each township in their respective counties, for the immediate opening of said road, the expenses of which orders are to be borne by the respective counties, in proportion to the number of days employed in each, and from the time of such filing, as last stated, the said road shall be to all intents and purposes a public highway. Drafts to be made out and filed.

SECTION 4. That it shall be the duty of the supervisors of the several townships in the counties through which the said road is authorized to be laid out, by the foregoing sections of the act aforesaid, shall pass, upon twenty days previous notice being given, to proceed to open and make said road, as other roads are Duties of supervisors.

opened and made, and on failing to comply, the said supervisors or any of them shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars, to be collected as other fines are collected, without stay of execution, and said fines shall be appropriated to the use of said road.

Power to vacate roads.

SECTION 5. That the commissioners appointed by or in pursuance of this act, shall have power to vacate any road or parts of roads which may be rendered useless by the location of the road hereby authorized, and shall have power to change the location of any part of the road now in use between the points mentioned in this act.

Accounts, how settled.

SECTION 6. That the accounts of the said road commissioners for their own pay, and that of the chain carriers and axe-man, shall be adjusted by the county commissioners, of the counties through which the said road may pass, and paid out of the treasuries of the same according to the time actually required to locate the road within the respective counties.

When commissioners to meet.

SECTION 7. That the said commissioners shall meet at Waynesburg, Greene county, on or before the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and proceed to perform the duties aforesaid; and if any vacancy or vacancies occur by resignation or otherwise the remaining commissioners shall supply the same by the appointment of a suitable person who shall perform the duties aforesaid.

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. 457.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act authorizing the laying out of a State road from Tunkhannock, in Wyoming county, to Towanda, in Bradford 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 the commissioners who, by the authority of the act to which this is a supplement, located the State road from Tunkhannock, in Wyoming county, to Towanda, in Bradford county, are hereby authorized and required to make out and file their reports and drafts, according to the act aforesaid, on or before the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and that their accounts for services for themselves, their chainman*