

No. 521.

AN ACT

To lay out a State road, from Manayunk Bridge, in Montgomery county, to Belmont Avenue, in Philadelphia 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* Joseph Fox, of Philadelphia county, and Paul Jones and Algeron Roberts, of Montgomery county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to run and lay out a State road, not more than sixty-six feet in width, from a point in Montgomery county, at the south end of the Manayunk bridge, over the river Schuylkill, and thence by the best and most direct practicable route, to connect with the Belmont avenue, in Philadelphia county; and that so much of said road as passes through the district of Belmont, may be opened one hundred feet in width; and the directors of the Belmont avenue and plank road company are hereby authorized and empowered to increase the width of their road to one hundred feet

Commissioners.

SECTION 2. That it shall be the duty of said commissioners, or a majority of them, after taking and subscribing an oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace to perform the duties enjoined on them with impartiality and fidelity, to carefully view the ground over which the said road may pass, and the parts adjacent, and lay out and mark the same upon the ground on the route agreed upon for the road aforesaid, in such manner as to enable the supervisors readily to find the same: and for the purpose of fulfilling the duties in this act enjoined, the said commissioners are hereby authorized to employ a competent surveyor or engineer, who, with the commissioners, shall receive a per diem allowance of two dollars each, for each and every day diligently employed in the discharge of the duties enjoined by this act, which shall be paid equally by the treasurers of Philadelphia and Montgomery counties, upon the rendition of the account of said commissioners.

Duties of commissioners.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of said commissioners to make a fair and accurate draft of the said road, noting thereon courses and distances, as they occur, with such other matters as may serve for explanation, a copy thereof to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth within ninety days after the passage of this act, and one copy in the offices of the clerks of quarter sessions of the respective counties in which said road may be located. On the filing of the drafts as before directed, the said road shall be, to all intents and purposes, a public highway, and shall be opened to the width directed and repaired in all respects as roads are opened and repaired which are laid out by order of the courts aforesaid, and damages by the owners of private property shall be assessed and paid in the same way and manner.

Drafts to be made out and filed.

Vacancies.

SECTION 4. That in case of a vacancy occurring in said board of commissioners, by death or otherwise, it shall be filled by appointment by the majority of the said commissioners.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

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

WM. BIGLER.

No. 522.

AN ACT

Providing for the Sale of the Main Line of the Public Works from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh.

Governor authorized to invite sealed proposals.

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 Governor is hereby authorized and required to invite sealed proposals for the purchase of the main line of the public works, to wit: the Philadelphia and Columbia railroad; the canal from Columbia to the Junction at Duncan's Island; the Juniata canal; from thence to Hollidaysburg; the Allegheny Portage railroad, including the new road to avoid the inclined planes, in its condition at the time of the transfer, and the canal from Johnstown to Pittsburgh, with all the property thereunto pertaining or belonging, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Commonwealth within ten days from the passage of this act, to give notice in two newspapers published in the cities of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York, that sealed proposals will be received at his office for the purchase of said main line of the public improvements, up to the first Monday of July, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four: said proposals shall state the maximum price offered for said main line, on the following terms, to wit: twenty per centum of the amount bid to be paid into the treasury in cash, before the transfer of said works, and the balance in ten equal instalments, the interest thereon payable semi-annually, from the date of the said transfer, at the rate of six per centum per annum, and the first instalment payable at the expiration of one year from the date of transfer, and said balance shall be secured to the Commonwealth by the bonds the company purchasing the same, and the same without any of other record than this act, shall be a lien on the works and improvements aforesaid: *Provided,* That no bid for a less amount than ten millions of dollars for said main line shall be entertained.

Proviso.