

same still belongs to the Commonwealth, or has been dedicated by law to any public use whatever, except to grave yards, cemeteries, or for the construction of public or private buildings, or where the same does not partake of the exact nature of a freehold or fee simple title, or where injury is likely to be done to an incorporeal hereditament, it shall be the duty of the officers of said company to cause accurate surveys of such proposed location or extension to be made, and file the same in the prothonotary's office of the proper county, and give public notice in at least one newspaper in the city of Philadelphia, and also in at least one newspaper in the county where the land lies, of the intention to enter upon and appropriate such land to the use of said company; and after such notice, it shall be lawful for said company to enter upon, or take possession of so much of said land as is required for the location of its road, without giving security for the payment of damages, unless a claim for such security shall be made within two years after such publication; and the proceedings for assessing and ascertaining the damages when demanded, and all other matters and things in regard thereto, and the location of the road, shall conform to the general provisions of the charter of said company, or of the act regulating railroad companies: *Provided*, That the number of jurors for assessing damages shall be five, instead of twenty, as named in the twelfth section of the act to which this is a supplement.

Proviso

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 584.

AN ACT

To vacate parts of Rabbit and Meeting-House Lanes in Blockley township, 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 the portion of Meeting-House lane extending from the West Chester road or Market street continued, southwardly to the south line of Old Marshall road as now vacated or not used, and the portion of Rabbit lane included between the said Meeting-House lane and the intersection of it, the said Rabbit lane with Marshall road as continued to be used in the township of Blockley, in the county of Philadelphia, be and the same are hereby vacated, and*

the title to the soil over which said portions of said lanes pass, be and the same is hereby vested in fee simple, in the owners of the ground fronting thereon respectively, each owner to have and take that part lying in front of his, her or its ground to the middle thereof: *Provided however*, That the same shall not be closed up until Chestnut and Walnut streets each eighty feet wide, Fulton street sixty feet wide, and Oak and York streets each forty feet wide, shall have been opened, graded and put in good condition for public use forever, through and over the tract of land belonging to the Delaware Land company, which is bounded on the east by the said Meeting-House lane, and is intersected by the said Rabbit lane; all of which streets shall be opened as they are laid down upon the plan of the said tract of land, recorded in the office for recording deeds, et cetera, of and for the city and county of Philadelphia, in conformity to the official plan of streets of the said township of Blockley: *Provided further*, Said vacation shall be first approved by the councils of the city of Philadelphia, as enlarged by an act of Assembly, approved February second, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 585.

AN ACT

Relative to Solicitors of Banks in the county of Philadelphia.

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 the fifteenth section of an act, entitled "An act to regulate certain election districts; defining the duties of the street commissioners of New Brighton, Beaver county, et cetera," approved the twenty-ninth day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, declaring that no person shall be eligible as solicitor of any bank in the county of Philadelphia, of which he may at the time be a director, be and the same is hereby repealed.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.