

CHAPTER MCCLXXXII.

1787.

[See vol. 1,
pa. 242, chap.
477.]

An ACT to enlarge the lots in the State-house square, appropriated for building thereon, respectively, county and city court-houses.

SECT. I. WHEREAS the lot lying at the north-west corner of the State-house square, and appropriated by an act of Assembly, passed on the seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two, for building thereon a county court-house, or common-hall, for the county of Philadelphia, and the lot lying at the north-east corner of the said square, and appropriated by the said act of Assembly for building thereon a city court-house, or common-hall, for the city of Philadelphia, respectively, extend in depth southwardly from Chesnut-street of the said city only seventy-three feet, which depth is insufficient for the said purposes: And whereas the said first mentioned lot is, by an act of Assembly of this state, passed the eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, vested in the Commissioners of the county of Philadelphia, and their successors, and the other lot is vested in the Wardens of the said city, and their successors, for the respective uses aforesaid:

SECT. II. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the said lots shall respectively extend in depth, through the whole easterly and westerly breadth thereof, from the said Chesnut-street southerly, to the full extent of eighty-eight feet; and the said lots, so enlarged and extended, shall be vested respectively in the said Commissioners, and their successors, and in the said Wardens, and their successors, and to the same uses and purposes respectively, as they were before their enlargement, by this act. *Provided always,* That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to prevent or bar any person or persons from enjoying, having or pursuing, in due course of law, his, her or their own private claim, right, title or possession, of, to or in the said lots, or either of them, or to any part of them, or of either of them.

Passed 29th March, 1787.—Recorded in Law Book, No. III. page 236.

CHAPTER MCCLXXXIV.

An ACT for opening and establishing a road, between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh.

[COMMISSIONERS to be appointed to lay out a State Highway between the waters of the Frank's town branch of Juniata, and the river Conemaugh. Report to be made to Council who may approve the same, or order a review thereof: and the said highway, when established, shall be a state highway between said points; and the courses and distances shall be entered in the council books, which entry shall be deemed a record thereof.]

Dimensions
of the lots
for building
the city and
county
court-houses,
enlarged.

The said commissioners having marked out said road, were directed to trace the courses of another road, to begin from the terminating spot of the first mentioned road, and lead along the left shore of the *Conemaugh*, to that point where the river begins to be navigable at all seasons; said road to be hereafter opened as occasion may require, and then deemed also a public highway. Allowance fixed for the commissioners, and the sum of £. 500, appropriated for the purposes of this act.]

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SECT. v. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Frankstown branch of the Juniata, and the Conemaugh, together with the Kiskiminetas, throughout their whole navigable course, shall be deemed and declared public highways.

Frankstown branch of Juniata, and the Conemaugh, and Kiskiminetas, declared highways.

Passed 29th of March, 1787.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 234. (a)

(a) The road was run and marked, day of December, 1787, and entered in and confirmed by Council on the 18th the minutes of Council, vol. 8, pa. 205.

CHAPTER MCCLXXXVI.

An ACT for opening a road between the river Susquehanna, at the Falls of Nescopeck, and the Lehigh, at or near the Union saw-mill. (b)

SECT. I. WHEREAS the opening of a road as aforesaid will tend greatly to populate and improve that part of this state, through and near which it may run, and as the few inhabitants are yet unable to bear the expense thereof:

SECT. II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That the Supreme Executive Council shall, and they are hereby authorized and directed to employ the necessary means for opening the road as aforesaid, from the river Susquehanna, at the falls of Nescopeck, by the river Lehigh, at or near the Union saw-mill: which when opened accordingly, the same shall be registered in the books of the said Council, and be thenceforth deemed a public highway.

The executive to cause the Nescopeck road to be opened; which, when registered shall be deemed a public highway.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the Supreme Executive Council may, and they are hereby authorized to expend, in the opening of said road, any sum of the unappropriated public monies, not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds.

Appropriation of money for that purpose.

Passed 29th March, 1787.—Recorded in Law Book, No. III. page 224.

(b) A further sum was allowed for completing the road mentioned in this act, by an act of the 27th of March, 1789. (post. chap. 1407.) [This road was reported and confirmed, June 23d, 1787, and recorded in council books, No. 8, pa. 101.] (Note to former edition.)