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The same person to be measurer of lime, in cases of dispute.

How to be paid for such service.

SECT. IV. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in case any dispute shall hereafter arise respecting the admeasurement of lime imported or brought for sale into the said city of Philadelphia, or parts adjacent thereto, within one mile from the court-house in the said city, the same shall be determined by the measurer herein before appointed for corn, salt and coals, who is hereby authorized and empowered to measure, according to the usual and proper mode of measuring that article, all lime, concerning the admeasurement whereof disputes may happen, at the instance of either of the parties, between whom such dispute or difference may arise; and the said measurer shall be paid by the party who shall be found by the said measurer in the wrong in such dispute or difference, the sum of one penny for every bushel so measured, and the determination of the said measurer in the premises shall be final between the parties.

Passed 28th March, 1788.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 361.

CHAPTER MCCCXXXI.

An ACT for opening and establishing certain roads in the counties of Northampton and Luzerne.

SECT. I. WHEREAS the opening of roads through the unsettled parts of this state will greatly promote its settlement and population, and encrease its domestic and foreign commerce, its manufactures and agriculture; and divers persons, citizens of this state, have already subscribed considerable sums of money, and divers other persons are disposed to subscribe further sums for the purpose of opening roads from Pocona Point, in the county of Northampton, to a place known by the name of Mount Arrarat, and thence to the New-York line, at the intended carrying-place between the rivers Susquehanna and Delaware, as also from the said Mount Arrarat to the most proper place at or near the mouth of the river Tioga: And whereas the said roads will conduce to the immediate settlement of an extensive tract of country, will promote both the export and Indian trade of this state, and, by communication with other roads already begun, will render Pennsylvania the most eligible route for the emigrants from the northern and eastern parts of the United States: And whereas it is just and proper, that such important efforts of private citizens of this commonwealth, and which tend to encrease the general wealth and power of the state, should be patronized and assisted by the Legislature thereof:

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 roads aforesaid shall be laid out and opened, as nearly as conveniently may be, in the following directions, that is to say; one of the said roads shall begin at or near to Pocona Point, in the county of Northampton, and shall run from thence, as shall appear most proper in the opinion of the commissioners to be appointed as hereinafter mentioned, to or near to a place in the said county,

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known by the name of Mount Arrarat; another of the said roads shall be run from and at the termination of the road aforesaid, at or near Mount Arrarat, to such a point in the line dividing the state of New-York from this state, and lying between the rivers Susquehanna and Delaware, as shall be deemed most proper by the said commissioners; and the last of the said three roads shall run from (or as near as may be from) the said Mount Arrarat to the most proper place, in the opinion of the said commissioners, at or near the mouth of the river Tioga; and each of the said roads shall be laid out sixty feet wide. 1788.

SECT. III. [Commissioners to be appointed to lay out the said roads, and to report to the executive; and the roads, when established, shall be deemed highways; and the courses and distances shall be entered in the Council books, which entry shall be deemed a record thereof.]

SECT. IV. [One thousand pounds appropriated for the purposes of this act.]

SECT. V. [The commissioners, if required, to give security.]

Commissioners were appointed on the 3d of April, 1788, and they were required to give security. Minutes of Council, vol. 8, page 271.

Passed 28th March, 1788.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 363.

CHAPTER MCCCXXXIV.

An ACT to explain and amend an act, entitled "An act for the gradual abolition of slavery."

SECT. I. **FOR** preventing many evils and abuses arising from ill disposed persons availing themselves of certain defects in the act for the gradual abolition of slavery, passed on the first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, [See vol. 1, pa. 492, chap. 870, and the notes thereto subjoined.]

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 exception contained in the tenth section of the aforesaid act, relative to domestic slaves attending upon persons passing through or sojourning in this state, and not becoming resident therein, shall not be deemed or taken to extend to the slaves of such persons as are inhabitants of or resident in this state, or who shall come here with an intention to settle and reside, but that all and every slave and slaves who shall be brought into this state, by persons inhabiting or residing therein, or intending to inhabit or reside therein, shall be immediately considered, deemed and taken to be free, to all intents and purposes.* Slaves brought into the state by persons intending to reside therein shall be deemed free.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no negro or mulatto slave, or servant for term of years, (except as in the last exception of the tenth section of the said act is excepted,) shall be removed out of this state, with the design and intention that the place of abode or residence of such slave or ser-* Slaves, or servants for term of years, not to be removed out of the state without their con-