

SECT. XVI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, 1798.* That so much of the laws of this commonwealth, relating to the poor of the counties of Chester and Lancaster, as is by this act altered or supplied, and no more, be, and the same is hereby repealed. (d)

Repeal of parts of former laws, hereby supplied.

Passed 27th February, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 218.

(d) By a supplement to this act, the directors of each of the counties respectively were empowered to sell certain parts of the lands they had purchased, and apply the proceeds to maintain the poor, and erect proper buildings; and the commissioners were directed to compensate the persons appointed by the act in the text, for the services rendered by them, 9th Feb'y, 1799, (chap. 2006)

By an act passed 30th January, 1804, (chap. 2405,) the directors respectively, or a majority of them, are authorized to bind out poor children, apprentices.

By an act passed 31st March, 1807, (chap. 2785,) the directors of these counties respectively shall furnish to the county commissioners, annually, an estimate of the sum wanted for the use of the poor, which is to be assessed and collected in addition to the county tax, which shall be paid by the county treasurer to the directors, on warrants of the county commissioners.

If on the death of any pauper, in either of the said houses of employment, &c. it should appear that such pauper died possessed of property, the

same shall be recovered by, and vested in the directors, to be by them applied to the support of such institutions respectively; provided that it shall be their duty to give public notice thereof, and pay over the same, first deducting the expenses, incurred on account of such pauper, to the heirs or legal representatives, if the same shall be claimed within three years after the death of such person.

By act of 22d December, 1810, the directors of the poor of the county of Chester, shall annually publish in the county news-papers a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures on account of the institution. The number of directors shall be reduced to three, two to be a quorum. The salary to be forty dollars a year, with an additional compensation for attending suits, &c. The office of Treasurer is abolished, and the duties of clerk, shall be performed by the steward of the house, whose salary, including the matron's, shall not exceed four hundred dollars a year, and all monies appropriated for the establishment, shall be paid by the county Treasurer, only on orders drawn on him by the directors thereof.

CHAPTER MDCCCCLXII.

An ACT to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the river Lehigh.

SECT. 1. [COMMISSIONERS, appointed to receive subscriptions. Notice to be given. Subscriptions, when and how to be made, and to what amount. When the books shall be closed, and proceedings thereupon. How shares shall be apportioned, in case more are subscribed for than the law prescribes. Advance to be paid by the subscribers. Expense of the business, how to be defrayed; and the subscriptions paid over. 2. Proceedings to obtain a patent of incorporation. The style of the corporation to be "The President and Managers of the Lehigh Navigation Company;" and to have the usual corporate powers. 3. Power to clear the navigation of the Lehigh. 4. Proceedings to organize the corporation, and choose corporation officers. Limitation of the votes of the subscribers. 5. Time and place of meeting; and power of the corporation to make by-laws prescribed. 6. Certifi-

1798. cates of shares; how to be issued; and how transferable. 7. Vacancies in offices, to be supplied by the President and Managers, who shall employ superintendants and workmen. 8. Payments of subscriptions, how to be regulated. Notice thereof. Penalty on neglect to pay; and when shares shall be forfeited by reason of non-payment. 9. Proceedings to clear the Lehigh; and when the navigation thereof shall be declared free. 10. When and how the company shall be entitled to take toll. 11. Proceeding to examine the work for every ten miles of distance. Places for taking tolls to be thereafter fixed. 12. Collectors of tolls to be appointed. How tolls shall be demanded. Limitation of the rates of tolls. 13. Proceedings to ascertain the size and tonnage of boats and rafts with consent of the owner, skipper or supercargo; to be marked on the rafts or vessels. 14. Power of the collectors to stop vessels, &c. for tolls; or to distrain for the amount. Proceedings in case of distress. 15. Penalty on passing, without paying toll. 16. Official bonds may be taken from the officers of the corporation. 17. Accounts of the corporation, how to be kept; and when to be submitted to the stockholders. How and when the capital stock may be augmented; and new subscribers admitted. 18. How accounts shall be kept, and dividends declared half yearly. 19. An account to be laid triennially before the Legislature. In what case the tolls may be increased; and when the tolls shall be diminished. 20. Penalty on injuring the works, or impeding the navigation, &c. 21. A lottery authorized, in aid of the improvement. 22. The scheme to be laid before the Governor; and security to be given by the Managers. 23. When commissioners shall be appointed to draw the lottery. 24. Duty of the commissioners; and their compensation. 25. Time limited for demanding prizes. 26. Times limited for commencing and completing the object of the incorporation.]

Passed 27th February, 1798.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 223.

CHAPTER MDCCCLXIII.

An ACT to authorize the Governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia.

SECT. 1. [COMMISSIONERS appointed to receive subscriptions for erecting a bridge over Schuylkill. Payment to be made on subscribing. Appropriation of the amount. 2. Proceedings to incorporate the subscribers. Style of the corporation to be "The President, Directors and Company for erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia," and to have the usual corporate powers. 3. Proceedings to organize the corporation. President, Director and Treasurer to be chosen. Limitation of the number of votes. 4. Meetings of the stockholders. 5. Certificates of shares to be issued; which shall be transferable. 6. How the place for erecting the bridge shall be fixed, and the property therein purchased. 7. Times and places for the meetings of