

CHAPTER MCLXXXIX.

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND POUNDS OF THE PUBLIC MONEYS TO THE LAYING OUT AND MAKING OF AN HIGHWAY FROM THE WESTERN PARTS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY TO THE TOWN OF PITTSBURGH, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT IN COUNCIL TO APPOINT COMMISSIONERS TO LAY OUT THE SAME.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the opening and maintaining of highways and roads between the several parts of this commonwealth is of the greatest importance to the intercourse, commerce thereof, and to the due administration of justice therein, and although divers laws have been heretofore made for the opening, amending and repairing of the highways and roads of this state yet the said laws are not in all cases sufficient for the opening and making of highways through the mountainous parts of the state, especially while the settlements are new and the inhabitants few in number and unequal to the making of such highways as the public services require:

(Section II. P. L.) And whereas no state highway hath been heretofore laid out by public authority between the western parts of the county of Cumberland and the town of Pittsburgh situate at the junction of the rivers Monongahela and Allegheny in the county of Westmoreland, and it is highly expedient that such highway should be laid out and established with all convenient speed:

[Section I.] (Section III. P. L.) 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 president and in his absence the vice-president in council may and shall nominate and appoint three substantial and discreet freeholders, dwelling within any part of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania except in the counties of Bedford, Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette, to [view] survey and lay out a state highway from Miller's springs in Cumberland county in as direct and straight a manner as the circumstances of the country and the situation

of the ground will admit to Pittsburgh; which highway shall [throughout the whole] length of the same (except in the town of Bedford) be of the breadth of sixty feet; and the same commissioners or a major number of them shall meet together and proceed to perform the said service at such time and times and in such a manner as the president or in his absence the vice-president in council shall direct; and the said commissioners or the major number of them shall from time to time report their proceedings by virtue of this act to the president or vice-president in council who thereupon may if they see fit establish the same, or otherwise may appoint [three other] such freeholders as aforesaid to review the said highway or any part thereof, and upon the report of the commissioners last mentioned the president or vice-president in council shall judge of and finally determine the course and direction of the said highway. And the said highway when [it] shall be so established shall be and remain to all intents and purposes the state highway between the western parts of the county of Cumberland and the town of Pittsburgh, and the courses and distances and other circumstances of the said highway shall be entered at length in the council book, which entry shall be deemed a record thereof.

[Section II.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners shall be allowed for their labor and trouble in the laying out of the said highway the sum of two dollars each for every day they shall be employed therein; and the president or in his absence the vice-president in council shall also grant to the said commissioners proper and necessary assistants for the better performing the same service and shall ascertain the recompense to be made to such assistants.

[Section III.] (Section V. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of two thousand pounds of the moneys of this state which hath become due to the commonwealth before the first day of November last by virtue of the impost laws shall be and the same hereby is appropriated to the purpose aforesaid; and to assist the inhabitants of such townships through which the said highway may be laid

out as contain high and difficult mountains or other broken ground to open and make the said highway. And the president or vice-president in council shall appoint suitable persons to direct the laying out of the said moneys in the opening and making of such parts of the said highway as the president or vice-president in council shall judge to be most useful and necessary; always preferring the more rugged and least habitable parts of the country through which the said highway may be laid out for the applying of the moneys aforesaid.

[Section IV.] (Section VI. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the [said] sum of two thousand pounds which is hereby appropriated to the purposes aforesaid shall be issued by the treasurer of this commonwealth upon warrants to be drawn by the president or in his absence by the vice-president in council; such warrants severally to be first entered in the office of the comptroller-general of this state; and every person who shall receive any money by virtue of any such warrant shall be accountable for the same before the said comptroller-general in like manner as other persons are or may be accountable who be entrusted with the public money.

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CHAPTER MCLXC.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO DRAW AN ORDER ON THE TREASURER OF THIS STATE FOR THE SUM OF SIXTY-[SEVEN] POUNDS AND THREE PENCE IN FAVOR OF DAVID MEADE, ESQUIRE.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas by a petition presented to this house by David Meade, Esquire, it is therein set forth that he was appointed a justice of the peace at Wyoming in the county of Northumberland, that during the late disturbances there he has endeavored by every legal means in his power to prevent irregularities and promote obedience to the laws of this state, that at the desire of the committee lately sent by order of this house into that country he was requested to continue there as