

## CHAPTER MCCCXX.

AN ACT TO CONTINUE THE ACT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ENTITLED  
 "AN ACT FOR OPENING AND BETTER AMENDING AND KEEPING IN  
 REPAIR THE PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THIS PRO-  
 VINCE." <sup>1</sup>

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas by the act of general assembly which was published on the first day of March, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act for opening and better amending and keeping in repair the public road and highways within this province," hath been revived and continued in force by divers acts of general assembly of this commonwealth, but the said act will nevertheless expire at the end of the present sitting of this house unless the same be further continued.

[Section I.] (Section II. 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 act of general assembly of the late province, entitled "An act for opening and better amending [and keeping in repair] the public roads and highways within this province" and every clause, matter and thing therein contained, the clause of limitation of the same and the mode of proceeding against the supervisors only excepted, shall be in force [and continue in force] during the term of two years from and after the publication of this act and afterwards until the end of the next sitting of the general assembly and no longer.

(Section III. P. L.) And whereas doubts have arisen whether the supervisors of the public roads and highways of the several townships and districts of this state are liable to be indicted and fined in the courts of general quarter sessions of the peace and oyer and terminer of the proper county, inasmuch as they are subject for their neglect of duty to small penalties to be

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 653.

imposed and levied in a summary way by the judgment of any justice of the peace.

[Section II.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the [said] supervisors respectively shall be likewise liable to be indicted in the courts aforesaid and on conviction to be fined at the discretion of the justices thereof in any sum not less than three pounds nor exceeding ten pounds for every such neglect of duty of the said supervisors according to the nature of the case, such fines to be applied to the repairing of the public roads and highways of the township or district.

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See the Acts of Assembly passed December 4, 1789, Chapter 1471;

April 5, 1797, Chapter 1953.

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## CHAPTER MCCCXXI.

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AN ACT TO APPOINT COMMISSIONERS TO REGULATE THE STREETS, LANES AND ALLEYS IN THE DISTRICT OF SOUTHWARK AND TO LAY OUT NEW STREETS, LANES AND ALLEYS THEREIN FOR THE ACCOMODATION OF THE INHABITANTS AND TO LAY OUT THE ROADS THEREIN MENTIONED THROUGH THE SAID DISTRICT AND PARTS OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF MOYAMENSING AND PASSYUNK.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas the district of Southwark has become populous and the freeholders thereof are daily erecting buildings and making improvements therein, but for want of a public and general regulation of the streets, lanes and alleys, they are irregularly placed and there is danger that in time they will become a heap of confused buildings without order or design unless a remedy be speedily applied:

And whereas it is highly necessary that every town or part of a town should have a direct and convenient communication with the country in order to any easy exchange of the necessaries of life with each other and there is no road from the district of Southwark to the surrounding country but what is circuitous and inconvenient.