

CHAPTER MMDCCXLIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERECTION OF A HOUSE FOR THE EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE POOR IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY." (*)

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Joseph Tyson, Andrew Todd, Andrew Morgan, Joseph Price, Matthew Brooke, Christian Sheide, and Philip Gauble, being the citizens elected at the last general election held in the county of Montgomery, for the purpose of fixing upon a suitable site for the erection of buildings for the accommodation of the poor of the said county, and to contract for land whereon to erect the same, be, and they or a majority of them are hereby authorized and required to proceed in the duties enjoined on persons to be elected for the purposes aforesaid, by the act to which this is a supplement,⁽¹⁾ anything in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Note (*) Chapter 2668; Supra this volume, p. 132.

CHAPTER MMDCCXLV.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO INCORPORATE A COMPANY FOR MAKING AN ARTIFICIAL ROAD, BY THE NEAREST AND BEST ROUTE, THROUGH THE COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND LUZERNE, BEGINNING AT THE RIVER DELAWARE WHERE THE PROPOSED BRIDGE IS TO BE BUILT NEAR THE TOWN OF MILFORD, THENCE THROUGH THE SAID TOWN AND THE COUNTIES AFORESAID TO OR NEAR THE FORTY-THIRD MILESTONE, IN THE NORTH LINE OF THE STATE.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That John Shee, Abraham Bickley, William Philips and Tench Coxe of the city of Philadel-

said book opened at Philadelphia shall have eight hundred shares therein subscribed, the said book opened at Milford, six hundred shares therein subscribed, and the said book opened at the house of Isaac Brownson at Rush, six hundred shares therein subscribed; and if at the expiration of the said six days the books aforesaid, or any of them shall not have the respective number of shares as aforesaid, therein subscribed, the said commissioners respectively may adjourn from time to time and transfer the said books from place to place aforesaid or elsewhere, until the whole number of shares shall be subscribed; of which adjournments and transfers the commissioners aforesaid shall give such public notice as the occasion may require; and when the whole number of shares subscribed in all the said books shall amount to two thousand shares the same shall be closed: Provided always, that every person offering to subscribe in the said books in his own or any other name, shall previously pay to the attending commissioners the sum of five dollars for every share to be subscribed; out of which shall be defrayed the expenses attending the taking such subscriptions and other incidental charges, and the remainder shall be paid over to the treasurer of the corporation as soon as the same shall be organized and the officers chosen as hereafter mentioned.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when fifty persons or more shall have subscribed one thousand shares of the said stock, the said commissioners shall certify under their hands and seals the names of the subscribers and the number of shares subscribed by each to the governor; and thereupon it shall and may be lawful for the governor by letters patent under his hand and seal of the state to create and erect the subscribers; and if the said subscriptions be not full at the time, then also those who shall afterwards subscribe to the number aforesaid, into one body politic and corporate in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The President, Managers and Company of the Milford and Owego Turnpike Road;" and by the said name the said subscribers shall have perpetual

succession, and all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation; and shall be capable of taking and holding their said capital stock, and the increase and profits thereof, and of enlarging the same from time to time by new subscriptions in such manner and form as they shall think proper, if such enlargement shall be found necessary to fulfil the intent of this act; and of purchasing, taking and holding to them and their successors and assigns, and of selling and conveying in fee simple or for any less estate, all such lands, tenements, hereditaments, and estates, real and personal, as shall be necessary to them in the prosecution of their works; and of suing and being sued, and of doing all and every other matter and thing which a corporation or body politic may lawfully do.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners aforesaid, as soon as conveniently may be after the said letters patent shall be sealed and obtained, shall give notice in two of the public papers in Philadelphia, and also such other papers nearest said route as they may think proper, of a time and place by them to be appointed, not less than twenty days from the publication of the first notice, at which time and place the subscribers shall proceed to organize the said corporation; and shall choose by a majority of votes of the said subscribers by ballot to be delivered in person or by proxy duly authorized, one president and twelve managers, one treasurer, and such other officers as they shall think necessary to conduct the business of the said company for one year, and until such other officers shall be chosen; and shall and may make such bylaws, rules, orders and regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this commonwealth as shall be necessary for the well ordering of the affairs of the said company; and generally to have like powers, authorities and privileges necessary for carrying on and completing the said turnpike road, and be subject to all the duties, qualifications, restrictions, penalties, fines and forfeitures, and be entitled to like tolls and profits as is given and granted to the presi-

dent, managers and company of the Coshecton and Great Bend turnpike road, in and by an act passed the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and four.⁽¹⁾

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the said road be laid out and opened through the land of any person, whereby he, she or they shall sustain damage, the said company shall make amends to such person or persons for the same, to be agreed upon between them if they can agree; or if they cannot agree, to be ascertained by appraisement, to be made on oath or affirmation by three disinterested freeholders, any two of them agreeing, mutually to be chosen; or if the owners upon due notice shall neglect or refuse to join in the choice, then to be appointed by any justice of the peace of either of the counties of Wayne or Luzerne not interested therein: Provided always, that appraisers aforesaid shall have regard in appraising damages to the advantages derived from such road passing through the lands of the complainant.

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Note (1) Chapter 2483; 17 Statutes at Large, p. 797.

CHAPTER MMDCCXLVI.

AN ACT TO AFFORD IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO DENNIS M'KNIGHT, A SOLDIER DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, AND TO GRANT HIM AN ANNUITY.

It is honorable to the government of a free people to compensate those who have faithfully served it in trying times, and to provide for the necessities of men who have assisted in the late glorious revolution, and have been disabled by wounds received in defense of their country's rights: And as it manifestly appears to the legislature that Dennis M'Knight, a soldier in the eighth battalion of militia of Chester county, was sorely wounded in battle, and having been taken prisoner suffered a long and greivous captivity; that he is now very far advanced in years, and from the combined effects of age and sufferings is no longer able to maintain himself by labor: Therefore, in discharge of a most grateful duty,