

CHAPTER MMMLXIV.

AN ACT GRANTING CERTAIN PRIVILEGES TO JONATHAN GROUT.

Whereas Jonathan Grout has erected a line of telegraphs from Philadelphia to Port Penn, in the state of Delaware for the purpose of transmitting the earliest possible intelligence from the Delaware Bay to Philadelphia, and vice versa, and has petitioned this legislature, stating that the south half of Reedy Island at the head of the Delaware Bay, in said state, owned by this commonwealth, is so situated that if a telegraph were erected thereon, its position would ensure an earlier conveyance of intelligence through such line than could be effected from any other place in that vicinity; that it will conduce to the extension of such line to the capes of the Delaware Bay, which is laudable and promotive of public good: Therefore,

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 the use of all that part of Reedy Island, the property of this commonwealth, be, and hereby is granted unto Jonathan Grout, his heirs and assigns, being citizens of the United States, as a telegraphic station until otherwise directed by law.

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CHAPTER MMMLXV.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING A LOAN OF MONEY FROM THE STATE TO WILLIAM M'DERMETT.

Whereas it appears to the legislature that William M'Dermett, of Bedford county, has erected works for the converting iron into steel, and has succeeded in making steel, which is supposed to be of as good a quality as any imported