

CHAPTER MMMLXIV.

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## 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.

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## 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

from Europe, but not possessing a capital sufficient to enable him to carry on the said works extensively, and to furnish supplies of that article adequate to the demands in the market, he hath petitioned the legislature for a loan of money for that purpose: And whereas it is the true policy of this state to give encouragement to works of a public utility, to foster our own manufactures, and to render ourselves independent of foreign nations for articles of such absolute necessity: 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 a loan be granted from the state to William M'Dermett, of three thousand dollars, to be paid on warrant from the governor, out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated: Provided, that the said William M'Dermett shall first give bond with warrant of attorney, to confess judgment to the commonwealth, with sufficient security to the satisfaction of the governor, for the repayment of the said loan with interest in five years.

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## CHAPTER MMMLXVI.

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### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE WATER PIPES IN AARONSBURG.

Whereas a number of the inhabitants of the town of Aaronsburg in the county of Centre, have, by their petition represented to the legislature, that the use of a certain stream of water has been granted by Aaron Levy to the said town, if they would convey through the same, which they have done accordingly by wooden pipes, at a great expense; and that they butions for maintaining and keeping the same in repair, as experience much difficulty in equalizing the necessary contri-