

## CHAPTER MMMLXXI.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO INCORPORATE A COMPANY FOR MAKING AN ARTIFICIAL ROAD FROM SAFE HARBOR AT THE MOUTH OF CONESTOGA CREEK, THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG, TO INTERSECT EITHER THE GAP AND NEWPORT TURNPIKE, OR THE PHILADELPHIA AND LANCASTER TURNPIKE ROAD, AS NEAR THE FORMER AS POSSIBLE.

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 Christly Stofer, jun., Francis Kendig, Isaac Ferrer, James Whitehill, Michael Rine, Isaac Smith, Thomas Henderson, Robert M'Ilvain, jun., and Amos Slaymaker, of the county of Lancaster, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned: that is to say, they shall on or before the first Monday of June next, procure three books, and in each of them enter as follows, "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers and company of the Safe Harbor, Strasburg and Gap turnpike road company, the sum of twenty-five dollars for every share of stock in the said company, set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and proportions, and at such times as shall be determined by the said president and managers in pursuance of an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, entitled "An act authorizing the governor to incorporate a company for making an artificial road from Safe Harbor at the mouth of Conestoga creek, through the village of Strasburg, to intersect either the Gap and Newport turnpike, or the Philadelphia and Lancaster turnpike road, as near the former as possible; "Witness our hands the                      day of                      in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and                      ," and shall give notice in two public newspapers printed in the borough of Lancaster, for one calendar month at least, of the times and places, when and where the said books will be opened to receive subscrip-

tions for the stock of the said company at which respective times and places three of the said commissioners shall attend, and permit, and suffer all persons of lawful age, who shall offer to subscribe in the said books, in their own name, or the name of any other person or persons, who shall duly authorize the same, for any number of shares in the said stock; and the said books shall be kept open respectively for the purpose aforesaid, at least six hours in every juridical day for the space of six days, or until the said books so opened, shall have two thousand shares therein subscribed; and if at the expiration of the said six days, the books aforesaid, shall not have the number of shares aforesaid therein subscribed, the said commissioners may adjourn from time to time, and transfer the said books to other places 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, 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 each and 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 six hundred shares of the said stock, the 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 the seal of the commonwealth, to create and erect the subscribers; and if the said subscription 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 Safe Harbor, Strasburg, and Gap Turnpike Road Company;" and by the said name the 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, transferring, 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 said letters patent shall be sealed and obtained, shall give notice in two of the public newspapers printed in the borough of Lancaster, 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 then present, 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 duly chosen; and the said managers so chosen, and their successors shall, and may make such by-laws, rules, orders, and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this commonwealth, as shall be necessary for the well ordering the affairs of the said company, and generally

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 in proportion to the distance as are given and granted to the president, managers, and company of the Gap and Newport turnpike road,<sup>(1)</sup> excepting the stone part of said road, shall not be more than eighteen feet wide: Provided, that if the company shall not proceed to carry on the said work in three years after the passing of this act, or shall not within seven years afterwards, complete the said road according to the true intent and meaning of this act, then in either of these cases, all and singular the rights, liberties, and franchises hereby granted to the said company, shall revert to this commonwealth.

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Note (1). Chapter 2822; Supra this volume, p. 489.

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## CHAPTER MMMLXXII.

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR OF THIS COMMONWEALTH TO INCORPORATE A COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING AND ERECTING A BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER SUSQUEHANNA IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER, AT OR NEAR THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA.

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 Stephen Girard, William Sansom, James Vanuxem, John Perot, Henry Pratt, Thomas M'Ewen, Martin Dubbs and Joseph S. Lewis, of the city of Philadelphia, and John Hubley, Abraham Witmer, Casper Shaffner, jun., Jacob Strickler, James Wright, and Samuel Miller, of the county of Lancaster, and William Barber, John Stewart and Godfrey Lanehart, of the county of York, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several duties hereafter mentioned, that is to say: they