

printed in the city of Philadelphia, and the books of said corporation shall be open at any time for the inspection of the inhabitants residing within the limits of said corporation.

Section IX. (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said corporation shall continue in full force for six years from and after the passing of this act, and until the close of the then next session of the legislature, and no longer.

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CHAPTER MMMXCI.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR LAYING OUT, MAKING AND KEEPING IN REPAIR, THE PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH, AND FOR LAYING OUT PRIVATE ROADS." (*).

Whereas by the existing laws for laying out and vacating public and private roads and highways, within this commonwealth, no provision is made to authorize the court of quarter sessions in the respective counties, to enquire, lay out, and vacate any public or private road or highway, at the same time or by the report of one view, and it appearing that such a power would be safe and advantageous, and would remove many inconveniences which have been experienced in a variety of cases, as the propriety of laying out a new road, or changing the route of an old one, might depend upon the old road being vacated in whole or in part, and would go to remove in many cases the objections against laying out a new road as long as it remained doubtful whether the old one would be vacated or not: Therefore,

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the several courts of quarter sessions of the peace, in their respective counties shall, upon application to them being made for the purpose of opening a new road, or of vacating or changing the route of an old road, proceed therein by views and reviews, in like manner as has been practiced in laying out public roads or highways under the laws now in force, that in addition to the powers heretofore given to viewers, they shall be authorized when they lay out a new road or change the route of an old road, to vacate the whole of the old road or any part thereof, as circumstances may render the one or the other necessary; and make report of their proceedings in the same manner as is now done in cases of views or reviews. Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for any road or part of a road vacated in pursuance of the provisions of this act, to be shut up or stopped until the road or part of road so laid out to supply the place thereof, shall be actually opened.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the viewers appointed in pursuance of the fourteenth section of the act to which this is a supplement, to ascertain the damages sustained by individuals from public roads being laid out through their lands, the said viewers shall each of them, before they proceed to assess the said damages, take an oath or affirmation before some judge, alderman, or justice of the peace, justly and truly to value the same, and also to consider the advantage as well as the disadvantage of the said road.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act, so much of any act or acts or any part thereof as is by this act altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby annulled and made void.

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Note (*). Chapter 2298; 17 Statutes at Large, p. 151.