

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 all persons who were entitled to the benefit of the act, entitled "A supplement to the act, entitled 'An act for directing the mode of distributing the donation lands promised to the troops of this commonwealth,'" passed the thirtieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and did not apply before the first day of December last, according to the provisions of said act, shall, by applying before the first day of July next, be entitled to all the advantages and benefits of said act, under the restrictions and regulations provided by the same, as fully as if they had applied within the time limited by said act.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor shall cause the report of the surveyor general, mentioned in the aforesaid act, to be reprinted in two of the newspapers published in the city of Philadelphia, in one of the newspapers printed in the borough of Lancaster, the borough of York and Chambersburg, respectively, in the Harrisburg Monitor, in the Carlisle Gazette, and in the Pittsburg Gazette, as often as he may think necessary, giving at the same time, notice to all persons concerned, to make application before the first day of July next, as aforesaid.

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CHAPTER MDCXLV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPENING AND IMPROVING SUNDRY NAVIGABLE WATERS AND ROADS WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH."

Whereas it appears to the general assembly, that it is proper to change and enlarge some of the appropriations made by the act, entitled "An act to provide for the opening and im-

proving sundry navigable waters and roads within this commonwealth,"¹ passed the thirteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and the better to define some others, and to make, for the present year, sundry other appropriations for the improvement of roads, out of the sum of five thousand pounds, allowed yearly, to be applied for that purpose:

[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 governor be, and he is hereby empowered and required to appoint three commissioners, to view the ground between the mouth of Juniata river and David Miller's, on Juniata, and to lay out a road between those two places, on the best and most eligible ground; and the three hundred pounds which were by the act, entitled "An act to provide for the opening and improving sundry navigable waters and roads within this commonwealth,"² appropriated for the purpose of improving and opening a road between the said two places, so as to go through Dick's gap, shall be applied towards improving and opening a road thus laid out by the commissioners appointed by virtue of this section, although the said road should not be laid out through Dick's gap.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the above mentioned act, as appropriates a sum of three hundred and sixty pounds for a road from Poplar run to Conemaugh, a sum of one hundred and eighty pounds from the forks of little Conemaugh to the mouth of Stoney creek, and a sum of three hundred pounds for a road from Frankstown to Pittsburg, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and the eight hundred and forty pounds which were thus appropriated shall be applied as followeth, that is to say, five hundred and thirty pounds shall be applied towards improving and opening a road from Frankstown, on the river Juniata, to Conemaugh, at or near the mouth of Stoney creek, and the remaining three hundred

(1) Chapter 1569.

(2) See Ante.

ing a road from Conemaugh, at or near the mouth of Stoney creek, to the northwest side of the Chestnut ridge, at or near Thomas Trimble's.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a sum of twelve hundred pounds shall be applied towards improving the navigation of Monongahela river, from the mouth thereof to the Virginia line, and a further sum of twelve hundred pounds shall be applied towards improving the navigation of Youghiogeny river, from the mouth thereof to the mouth of Saltlick creek, and a further sum of six hundred pounds shall be applied towards improving the navigation of Raystown branch of the Juniata river, from the mouth thereof to Magauhey's mill, about three miles above the town of Bedford, and of Dunning's creek, from the mouth thereof to the big fork; which three sums, amounting altogether to three thousand pounds, shall be taken out of the four thousand pounds, which by the above mentioned act, had been appropriated towards improving the navigation of Little Conemaugh; provided, that the faith of the commonwealth be, and it is hereby, pledged to make good the said sum of three thousand pounds, so taken from the fund appropriated for improving the navigation of Little Conemaugh, whensoever the governor shall be of opinion that the navigation of the Kishkeminetas and Conemaugh shall be so far improved, as to render the navigation of Little Conemaugh a necessary link in the chain of water and land communication between the eastern and western waters of the state.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of three hundred pounds, appropriated by the above mentioned act towards opening and improving a road through the Canoe narrows, and from Daniel Titus' to Poplar run, shall be applied towards opening and improving a road through the Canoe narrows, as by that act directed, from the said Canoe narrows to Frankstown, so as to join the road directed by the second section of this act to be opened from the said Frankstown to Conemaugh.

[Section V.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of four hundred

pounds, appropriated by the above mentioned act towards opening and improving a road from Bedford, crossing Youghiogeny, at or near the great falls, to the west side of Laurel hill, shall be applied towards opening and improving a road, to be laid out on the best and most eligible ground, from the east side of Laurel Hill, at or near Jones' mill, on the waters of the north branch of Youghiogeny river, to the west side of the Chestnut ridge, at or near Connol's ferry on Youghiogeny river.

[Section VI.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of four hundred pounds, appropriated by the above mentioned act towards opening an[d] improving a road from Fort Penn to Waullempauck, and from thence to the river Susquehanna, shall be applied towards opening a road from Fort Penn aforesaid, extending up the east side of the east branch of Broadhead's creek, crossing the head waters of Bushkill, Shoholy and Blooming Grove creeks, thence on the most eligible route to the great falls of Lachawaxen, thence northerly on the most suitable ground between the waters of Lachawaxen and Delaware river, until the route intersects the portage between Delaware and Shohocking creek.

[Section VII.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the further sum of five hundred pounds, in addition to the sum of three hundred pounds appropriated by the above mentioned act for the purpose of clearing the navigation of the river Susquehanna, from the mouth of the Juniata, to the mouth of Swatara, be appropriated towards the last mentioned purpose, to be taken out of the same fund which was appropriated by the said act for the purpose of improving the navigation of certain rivers.

[Section VIII.] (Section VIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor, for the time being, is hereby empowered to draw a warrant on the state treasurer, to be paid out of the fund appropriated by law to the improvement of roads, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, for the purpose of laying out, improving and opening the following roads, to each of which

the several sums thereto affixed, are hereby declared to be especially appropriated, viz: for the road laid out from Bedford to Pittsburg, eight hundred pounds, to be laid and applied to that part of the said road between the east side of Allegheny mountain and the west side of Laurel hill; for the road from the east side of Sideling hill to the town of Bedford, it being a part of the road leading from Shippensburg to Bedford, one hundred and fifty pounds; for the road from the Lehigh water gap, across the Matchunk mountain to intersect the Nescopeck road, made by Evan Owen, two hundred pounds; for the road laid out through Shippensburg gap, over the South mountain, leading towards Yorktown, two hundred pounds; for a road through McAllister's gap, to be laid out, improved and opened, on the best and most eligible ground, to the Burnt Cabins, the sum of three hundred pounds; for a road from Hughes' encampment, at the foot of the Dry Ridge, across the Allegheny mountain to the west side thereof, at or near Speicher's house, to be laid out, improved and opened, on the best and most eligible ground, two hundred pounds; for a road from Cherry's mill, on Jacob's creek, on the west side of the Chestnut ridge, across the said ridge, and thence to the top of Laurel Hill, so as to intersect the road leading from Jones' mill, on the north branch of Youghiogeny river, to Connol's ferry on Youghiogeny river, two hundred pounds; for a road beginning at the west end of High street of the city of Philadelphia, and thence extending on the direction of said street, about three and a half miles, through the county of Philadelphia and township of Blockley, to the line of the county of Delaware, three hundred pounds; for opening a road, in a winding ascent over Vanderen's hill, in Roxbury township, in the county of Philadelphia, agreeable to the principles of a survey made by David Rittenhouse and Thomas Hutchins, in pursuance of instructions given to them by the general assembly the twenty-sixth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, the sum of three hundred pounds; for the road leading from Lancaster to Harrisburg, beginning at the Bear, in Donegal township, to Swatara creek, in Dauphin county,

the sum of five hundred pounds; for the road over the Three Mountains, commonly called Skinner's road, it being part of the road leading from Shippensburg to Bedford, two hundred pounds; for the road from Mount Rock, near Carlisle, to Rankin's ferry, on Susquehanna, one hundred and fifty pounds, to be applied to that part of the road which will extend across the South mountain; for a road across the Blue mountain, at Smith's gap, between the Windgap and the Lehigh water gap, two hundred pounds; for a road along the east side of Susquehanna, beyond Peter's mountain, and to extend to Sunbury, in addition to the grant made last year for the road by the end of Peter's mountain, one hundred and fifty pounds, to be expended in Northumberland county.

[Section IX.] (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor shall, as soon as convenient after passing this act, appoint three commissioners, whose duty it shall be to view and lay out a road, beginning at the river Susquehanna, at or near the ferry, commonly called and known by the name of Peach bottom ferry, and running the most direct course, consistent with the most level and otherwise eligible ground, as far as this state extends, towards such part of the navigable water of Christiana creek, in the State of Delaware, as in the opinion of said commissioners shall be most conducive to the convenience and ease of the transportation of the produce of the country generally, and make a draft and return of survey of such road to the governor, which draft of survey and road, being by him approved, it shall be recorded a state road, the expense of which view and survey shall be paid out the fund of five thousand pounds, heretofore appropriated to the improvement of roads and inland navigation, by an order or orders to be drawn by the governor on the treasurer of the commonwealth.

[Section X.] (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of three hundred pounds, which by an act, entitled "An act to provide for the opening and improving sundry navigable waters and roads within this commonwealth,"³ passed the thirteenth day of

(3) See Ante.

April last, was appropriated for a road from Fulton's ferry, on Susquehanna, towards Newport, shall be, and it is hereby, appropriated to the opening and improving the road from McCall's ferry, until it meets or falls in with the road to be laid out from Peach bottom towards Christian creek, as herein-before directed.

[Section XI. (Section XI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor, for the time being, shall be, and he is hereby, empowered to appoint commissioners, for the purpose of viewing and laying out the following roads, and also to draw warrants on the state treasurer, to be paid out of the funds appropriated for roads and improvements for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; that is to say, for laying out a road from Wilkesbarre, on the west side of Susquehanna, to Wyalusing, or Mushopen creek, and thence crossing the river, and running a northwesterly course, to intersect Ellicot's road, at or near Tioga point, and from thence to the north bounds of the state, one hundred pounds; for laying out a road from Loyal Sock creek, on the west branch of Susquehanna, to the Tawanisco branch of Tioga, and to extend up to the one hundred and nine mile stone, one hundred pounds; and for laying out a road from Stockport, on the Delaware, and extending to the east branch of Susquehanna, near Mushopen creek, one hundred pounds.

[Section XII.] (Section XII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor shall be empowered to make contracts for the improving the roads and rivers in this act mentioned, either with individuals, or with companies, and to employ agents of information for that purpose, in the same manner as he could have done by virtue of the act above mentioned; and the moneys thus directed by the act, entitled "An act [to provide] for the opening and improving sundry navigable waters and roads within this commonwealth."⁴*

(4) See Ante.

*It is obvious that a part of this section has been omitted in transcribing the bill, which, upon adverting to the copy printed for

[Section XIII.] (Section XIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That where it shall appear to the governor that deviations from the routes described by any act of the legislature, for roads directed by such act to be laid out, opened and improved, are essentially necessary to fulfill the intentions of the legislature, or where the sums appropriated to any contiguous improvements may be more properly apportioned, he shall be authorized to make such deviations or apportionments. Provided always, That the said alterations do not depart from the principles of the several improvements intended by the legislature.

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CHAPTER MDCXLVI.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PAYING AND REDEEMING CERTAIN PUBLIC DEBTS, AND FOR DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT.

In order to provide immediate means for the payment of the interest accruing upon the public debt.

[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 interest accruing on or before the first day of July next, upon all the certificates, which have at any time heretofore been issued by and under the authority of this commonwealth, and upon which interest is payable by the state, by virtue of any of the existing laws, shall be paid by the state treasurer, as the same becomes

the use of the Senate, concludes in the following manner: "and the moneys thus directed by this act to be applied to the improving the said roads and rivers shall respectively be paid out of the same funds, in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as moneys appropriated by the above mentioned act, and directed to other purposes by this act, should have been paid, respectively, for the purposes by the above mentioned act intended."