

county of Lancaster, as otherwise, that the opening of a certain part of the said road would be not only burdensome and oppressive, but at present useless, as there is not, neither can there be, established any convenient ferry over the Susquehanna at the Blue Rock aforesaid.

[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 so much of the aforesaid road, directed to be laid out from Philadelphia to the borough of York, as lies between the city of Philadelphia and the village of Strasburg, is hereby confirmed, as viewed and laid out agreeably to the report and supplementary report made on that part of the said road, by the commissioners appointed for that purpose, and filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, and the courts of quarter sessions of the respective counties through which the said road passes, are hereby authorized and required to cause the same to be opened, agreeably to the said reports, and the existing laws of this commonwealth. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend to confirm or authorize the opening of that part of said road, which lies between the village of Strasburg and the borough of York, but the same shall be and is hereby suspended, until a permanent bridge shall be built over the Susquehanna at or near the Blue Rock.

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CHAPTER MDCCLIII.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF HUNTINGDON COUNTY TO ASSESS AND LEVY A FURTHER SUM, FOR ERECTING AND COMPLETING THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AND TO GRANT A LOAN TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SAME.

Whereas it has been represented to the legislature of this commonwealth, by the trustees for erecting the public buildings of the county of Huntingdon, that by the act passed the twentieth

day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven,¹ for erecting the said county, the commissioners, in regard to the circumstances of the inhabitants at that time, were limited to assess and levy a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, for the said buildings, which sum, together with about two hundred pounds more chiefly subscribed by the inhabitants of the town of Huntingdon, was expended by the said trustees in building a substantial house as a permanent gaol, with a provision for a temporary court-house over the same. And whereas the said building, when it was nearly completed and had been some time in use, for the accommodation of the county, was destroyed by accident of fire, and the trustees laid under the necessity of contracting a considerable debt for erecting a new stone gaol, capable of further enlargement as occasion may require, and therefore have requested the legislature to pass an act for enabling the commissioners to assess and levy a further sum of eight hundred pounds, in seven annual instalments, for the purposes aforesaid, and to grant to the said trustees a loan, to enable them to carry on and complete the said public buildings in the most expeditious manner, by economical contracts and payments to the contractors in ready money.

[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 commissioners of the county of Huntingdon, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby empowered and required to assess and levy the further sum of eight hundred pounds, and the interest that will be payable to this commonwealth by virtue of the loan made under the next section of this act, in seven equal yearly assessments, on the said county; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby required, out of the money to be assessed and levied as aforesaid, to refund to the state the full amount of the said eight hundred pounds with interest, in seven equal yearly instalments, and the state treasurer shall have the like power to enforce the payment of the said instalments, as he heretofore had to enforce the payment of state taxes.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby, enabled and empowered to grant on loan, to the trustees of the public buildings of the said county, the sum of eight hundred pounds, that is to say, four hundred pounds, one moiety thereof, on the first day of May next, and the remaining four hundred pounds, on the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, for which several sums of four hundred pounds each, the governor for the time being is hereby empowered to draw warrants on the state treasurer, payable to the said trustees out of the fund appropriated for the support of government.

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 1Chapter 1311.

CHAPTER MDCCLIV.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE POWERS OF THE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN THIS STATE.

Whereas it would greatly relieve the poor debtors within this state, and their creditors, from the costs accruing upon suits in the courts of law, and from the great delays which attend the same, if the powers vested in the justices of the peace of the counties of this state were severally extended, under similar exceptions and regulations as are contained in the act for the more easy and speedy recovery of small debts, which was enacted the first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-five. 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 from and after the fifteenth day of June next, the jurisdiction, authority and powers of the justices of the peace of the several counties within this state, which are vested in them severally by the act entitled "An act for the