

from distant places to exercise their right of suffrage, they may be deprived thereof.

[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 all freemen of the county of Northumberland who are duly qualified to vote at the general election of the same county, and who shall be called to attend at a court of nisi prius to be holden in the county of Northumberland, on the thirteenth day of October next, as justices, jurors, attorneys, constables, witnesses, parties, or otherwise, in any action or prosecution therein depending, shall be allowed at the next election to deliver in their votes at Sunbury, to the inspector of Augusta township in the first district of the said county, the act of the general assembly for regulating general elections notwithstanding.

Passed September 22, 1794. Recorded L. B. No. 5, p. 359 &c.

CHAPTER MDCCLXXXI.

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING AND BUILDING A BRIDGE ACROSS THE RAYSTOWN BRANCH OF JUNIATA.

Whereas it hath been represented to the legislature by the petition of William Wallace that the erecting a good and substantial bridge across the Raystown branch of Juniata, on the great road leading from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, in the county of Bedford, would greatly benefit the community at large. And whereas William Wallace, in order to facilitate the communication between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and at the same time in expectation of some advantages to himself, is desirous of erecting a bridge over the aforesaid branch of Juniata at his own proper cost and expense, and therefore hath prayed the legislature to vest the said bridge, when built, in him, his heirs and assigns forever, with liberty to demand and receive such

tolls and fees from travelers as are hereinafter mentioned and expressed. 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 property of the aforesaid bridge, when built, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said William Wallace, his heirs and assigns forever, and that the said William Wallace, his heirs and assigns, shall and may demand and receive toll from travelers and others, according to the following rates, viz: for every coach, landau, chariot, phaeton, wagon or other four wheeled carriage, drawn by four or more horses or other cattle, the sum of twenty cents; and for such carriage drawn by two horses or other cattle fifteen cents; for every chaise, riding chair, cart or other two wheeled carriage the sum of ten cents; for every sled the sum of six cents; for every single horse and rider the sum of four cents; for every horse without a rider two cents; for every foot passenger the sum of two cents; and the sum of one cent for every head of horned cattle, sheep, or swine crossing the same.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said William Wallace, his heirs and assigns, to erect and build, maintain and support a good and substantial bridge over and across the said branch of Juniata, and where the great road leading from Philadelphia to Pittsburg crosses the same.

Provided nevertheless, That nothing in this act shall be taken or construed so as to prevent any person from crossing the said branch of Juniata by fording, and no obstructions shall be erected by the said William Wallace, his heirs or assigns, for the prevention of the same.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority of the same, That all poor persons, or such as are exempted from the payment of county rates and levies, shall have liberty to pass and repass the said bridge toll free.

[Section IV.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said William Wallace, every third year from the completing the said bridge, shall lay

before the court of quarter sessions, an abstract of his accounts, including the capital expended, and of the income and profits of the same; and if it shall appear at the end of the said triennial period that the profits shall have exceeded twenty per cent. on the capital, the toll shall be reduced so that the clear profits arising from the toll shall not exceed twenty per cent. on the capital expended therein.

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CHAPTER MDCCLXXXII.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF PETER SHAFFNER, AN INSOLVENT DEBTOR CONFINED IN THE GAOL OF THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

Whereas Peter Shaffner, late a collector of taxes in the borough of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, hath by his petition set forth that he is now confined in the gaol of the county of Lancaster, for the non-payment of moneys by him received in the collection of public taxes, which from a variety of misfortunes he is rendered unable to pay, and hath prayed that he may be discharged from his confinement. And whereas it appears to the legislature that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

[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 the judges of the county court of common pleas in and for the county of Lancaster, be and they are hereby authorized and required, upon the petition of the said Peter Shaffner, to grant him like relief, with equal and like effect and upon like terms, as to his imprisonment, as is by the laws of this state given to insolvent debtors in cases of debts due and owing to private persons.

Provided always, That the discharge of the said Peter Shaffner shall not extend to exonerate the county of Lancaster from any