

and also to certify, in favor of John Skilling, the amount of principal of his said certificate, together with the amount of interest which he would have been entitled by law to receive, if he had not lost the same, which said certificate of the comptroller general, shall be sufficient authority to the treasurer of this state to pay the same to the said Owen McLaughlin and John Skilling, or their legal representatives, respectively, and he is hereby authorized and required to pay the same on the first day of April next, provided that it shall then appear, by a certificate from the comptroller general, that the said certificate of depreciation, and of funded debt, are not redeemed by this commonwealth, nor subscribed to the loan of the United States, anything in the laws of this commonwealth to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Passed March 28, 1796. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 87, etc.

CHAPTER MDCCCXC.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF OPENING CERTAIN ROADS IN THE DISTRICT OF SOUTHWARK AND TOWNSHIPS OF MOYAMENSING AND PASSYUNK OUT OF THE GENERAL TAXES OF THE SAID CITY AND COUNTY.

Whereas, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, passed the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, entitled, "An act to appoint commissioners to regulate the streets, lanes and alleys, in the district of Southwark and to lay out new streets lanes and alleys, therein, for the accommodation of the inhabitants, and to lay out the roads therein mentioned through the said district and parts of the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk," a road was laid out leading from Brockdens gate, on the Moyamensing road, by the Buck tavern by the ferry over the Schuylkill, to the State Island, part whereof has been since opened, and another road leading from the river Delaware in

the district of Southwark, at or near Prune Street, in a line parallel or nearly parallel to the southernmost street of the city called Cedar Street, into the road called Grays ferry road, which, by the said commissioners is designated by the name of Federal Stret, which roads among others are directed to be opened upon application of any number of freeholders, not less than seven, whose lands lie near or adjoining thereto, to the late president of the supreme executive council, who was to direct the supervisors of the highways of the district or township through which the said, and other roads were to pass, to open them, and cause them to be put in order and kept in repair, as other roads in the same district and townships are by law to be opened, repaired, and maintained, and, by the provisions of the same act, the damages to be sustained by the owners of the improved ground over which the said roads pass, were to be inquired into, ascertained and paid by the said supervisors, before the opening thereof; And whereas, it appears that the state of improvement in the said district and townships now requires the opening the said roads, but burdened already with road taxes, their funds are inadequate to the expense of opening and keeping in order and repairing the same, and it also appears that the inhabitants of the said district and townships have had little local aid from the public taxes, paid by them towards the county funds, in common with the other citizens of the other county:

[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 upon the application of seven or more freeholders to the governor of this commonwealth, in manner in the said act provided, he shall issue the process, and such, and the same proceedings for opening of the said roads, shall be had, as in the said act are directed, and that the commissioners of the said city and county of Philadelphia, shall defray all the expenses, attending the opening the said two roads, out of the county taxes in case of the district and townships aforesaid, in the same manner as the supervisors of the highways are, by the said act, directed to pay and defray the

same, and the orders to be drawn by the said commissioners shall be paid and allowed in account in the same manner and form as other expenses of the said county.

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CHAPTER MDCCCXCI.

AN ACT FOR RAISING BY WAY OF LOTTERY THE SUM OF SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ACCOMPLISHING THE BUILDING A STONE BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER SCHUYLKILL AT THE BOROUGH OF READING.

Whereas, a number of the inhabitants of the county of Berks, by petition, have stated to the legislature that the grand jury of the same have lately voted thirty-two thousand dollars, out of the public stock of said county for the purpose of erecting a stone bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the place where the public road from Philadelphia through Reading to Harrisburg, crosses the same and that the said sum will be inadequate to the completion of this desirable object. 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 it shall and may be lawful for the three county commissioners for the time being, together with Joseph Heister, James Diemer, Thomas Dundas, James May, John Otto, John Keim, Daniel Graff and Sebastian Miller, or a majority of them, be, and hereby are, appointed commissioners to raise by way of lottery, the sum of sixty thousand dollars, to be applied by the said county commissioners in erecting a good stone bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the place where the public road leading from the borough of Reading to Harrisburg crosses the same.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners above de-