

the county of Northampton, with the concurrence of the court of quarter sessions of the same county, for the erection of a bridge across the river Lehigh, at the borough of Easton, and that, in addition to the said appropriation, considerable sums have been subscribed by individuals of the vicinity for the purpose aforesaid, but doubts have arisen whether the same can be carried into effect, without the aid of the general assembly, inasmuch as the said river has heretofore been, by law, declared a common and public highway, And whereas, the erection of bridges by facilitating the means of intercourse promote the general interests: 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 burgesses and inhabitants of the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered, with the concurrence of the court of general quarter sessions, and commissioners of the same county, to erect a bridge over and across the river Lehigh, at the borough of Easton aforesaid, anything in the act declaring the same river a public highway to the contrary notwithstanding, Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the erection of the said bridge in such manner as shall injure, or interrupt, the boat and raft navigation of the said river, or prevent boats from crossing, or persons from fording the same, or to impair the rights of individuals.

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## CHAPTER MCMVIII

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A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED, "AN ACT FOR EXTENDING THE BENEFITS EXPERIENCED FROM THE INSTITUTION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL."1

Whereas, the sum granted to the contributors to the Pennsylvania hospital, by an act of general assembly, passed on the eleventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-

three,<sup>1</sup> has been found very incompetent to carry into effect the improvements contemplated in that act, and it appears that a considerable debt has been incurred by the managers of the institution, in their exertions to complete the necessary buildings, as directed by law, And whereas, the benefits heretofore experienced from the Pennsylvania hospital, as well by the citizens of this commonwealth, as by destitute strangers, render it one of the most deserving objects of public patronage and support.

[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 twenty-five thousand dollars be, and they are hereby, granted to the contributors to the Pennsylvania hospital, for the purpose of finishing and furnishing, for the accommodation of the diseased in body or mind, the buildings commenced for that purpose, under the directions of the act passed on the eleventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An act for extending the benefits experienced from the institution of the Pennsylvania hospital,"<sup>1</sup> and that the governor of this commonwealth be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to draw his warrants in favor of the managers of the said contribution and hospital, as the same shall, from time to time, be found necessary, which warrants shall be paid by the state treasurer out of the aggregate funds of this commonwealth.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the managers of the said contribution and hospital shall cause fair accounts to be kept of the money by them received and expended in the prosecution of the said buildings, in pursuance of this act, and shall, within the month of January, in every year until after the same shall have been completed, lay duplicates thereof before the general assembly.

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<sup>1</sup>Chapter 1693.