

Penington, Robert Ralston, Samuel P. Griffiths, Joseph Lownes, Samuel Mechlin and Joseph Sansom, who are hereby appointed commissioners to receive and distribute the same, in such manner and proportions, either in specie, or in necessaries by them provided, to and among such persons suffering as aforesaid as to them, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall appear proper objects of this charity.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the state treasurer shall pay the sum or sums of money, to be mentioned in the said warrant or warrants, out of the fund appropriated to the support of government, and shall charge, and be allowed for the same, in the settlement of his account, and that the said commissioners shall keep and render to the governor, to be laid before the legislature, a just account of the distribution and expenditure of the said moneys, and of the number and description of persons relieved thereby.

Passed February 21, 1797. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 146, etc.

CHAPTER MCMXIX.

AN ACT FOR RAISING, BY WAY OF LOTTERY, THE SUM OF TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO BE APPLIED TO THE ERECTION OF A STONE ARCH BRIDGE OVER PERKIOMEN CREEK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, ON THE ROAD LEADING FROM PHILADELPHIA TO THE BOROUGH OF READING.

Whereas a number of the inhabitants of the county of Montgomery, by their petition to the legislature, have stated that a grand jury of the said county have voted the sum of two thousand pounds, out of the public stock of the said county, for the purpose of erecting a stone bridge over the said creek, at or near the place where the road from Philadelphia to Reading crosses the same, and that the said sum, together with the sum

of two thousand three hundred dollars heretofore appropriated by the state, will be inadequate to the desirable 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 Peter Muhlenberg, John Richards, Benjamin Markley, Samuel Baird, of Pottsgrove, Francis Swaine, Moses Hobson, Frederick Conrad, Samuel Maulsby, Francis Nichols, William Smith, Philip Boyer, Elisha Evans, James Bean, John Markley, tanner, Robert Kennedy and John Elliot, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to raise, by way of lottery, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be applied by the commissioners of the county of Montgomery, in erecting a good stone [arch] bridge over Perkiomen creek, at or near the place where the public road leading from Philadelphia to the borough of Reading crosses the same.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners first above named, previous to selling any tickets in the said lottery, shall lay the scheme thereof before the governor of this commonwealth, to be approved of by him, and shall also enter into their several bonds to the governor, for the due and faithful drawing of the lottery, and like wise that they will individually, once in three months, render a just and true account of all the tickets which they have sold, and pay the money received during the preceding three months to the treasurer of the said county, who shall enter into a bond with sufficient sureties to the county commissioners, that he will well and truly do and perform the several duties enjoined on him by this act.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said county treasurer shall pay and discharge such prizes as shall be demanded by persons legally entitled thereto, after the drawing of the said lottery shall be completed, and the remainder of the money he shall hold subject to the draughts of the county commissioners, for the purpose of erecting the bridge aforesaid.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each of the first named commissioners shall, previous to entering upon the duties of their office, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, diligently and faithfully to perform the duties intrusted to them, and at least three of them shall attend at the drawing of each day, and when the whole is completed, shall cause an accurate list of the fortunate numbers to be lodged with the treasurer of the said county, and also to be published in at least one newspaper, in the city of Philadelphia, and in each of the boroughs of Reading and Harrisburg, and the commissioners, in this section above mentioned, shall receive such compensation as the commissioners of the said county shall judge reasonable, which compensation, together with the expenses necessarily attending the carrying this act into effect, shall be paid by the said treasurer upon warrants drawn for that purpose by the county commissioners.

[Section V.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said county commissioners be, and they are hereby, authorized to settle and adjust all accounts which may be exhibited by any person or persons legally employed in carrying this act into effect.

[Section VI.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all prizes not demanded within twelve months after publication as aforesaid, shall be considered as relinquished for the benefit of the undertaking.

[Section VII.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said county commissioners be, and they are hereby, authorized to apply all moneys received as aforesaid, which are not drawn [as] prizes as aforesaid, or applied to the payment of the expenses aforesaid, to the erection of the said bridge.