

## No. 59.

## AN ACT

To authorise the Governor to incorporate a company to erect a bridge over the Monongahela river.

SECT. 1. *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 William Davidson, George Craft, Isaac Meason, and Andrew Oliphant, of Fayette county, John Park, junior, William Berry, and John Watson, of Washington county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to examine and fix on the site for the erection of a bridge over the Monongahela river, at or near where the national road crosses said river, whose duty it shall be, after being duly sworn or affirmed before some justice of the peace, faithfully to perform the duties hereby enjoined, viz. to meet at the point designated, on the first Monday of May next, or as soon thereafter as possible, to examine or establish the site for said bridge, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, and make out a draft or plot of said site, on or before the first day of June next, a copy of which shall be filed in the prothonotary's office of Fayette county, for which they shall be allowed the sum of two dollars for each and every day they shall be necessarily employed, which sum shall be paid by their order, drawn on the president and managers of said company, after they shall be organized, as hereafter provided; and further, that George Hogg, James L. Bowman, Valentine Giesy, and Robert Clark, of Fayette county, and Daniel Moore, Jesse Kenworthy, Ephraim L. Blaine, John Ringland, and Thomas M. T. McKennon, of Washington county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, they shall on or before the first day of June next, procure a book and enter therein as follows: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay unto the president, managers and company for erecting a bridge over the Monongahela river, the sum of fifty dollars for every share of stock set to our names respectively, in such proportions and at such times as shall be determined by the president and managers, in pursuance of an act of the general assembly, entitled "An act authorising the Governor to incorporate a company to erect a bridge over the Monongahela river." Witness our hands and seals, the day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one

Commissioners appointed to fix on site.

Their oaths.

Time and place of meeting.

Draft to be filed.

Compensation.

Commissioners appointed to open books.

Form of subscription.

thousand eight hundred and thirty," and shall thereupon give notice in each of the newspapers published in Fayette and Washington counties, for one calendar month at least, when and where the said books shall be opened to receive subscriptions for the stock of said company, at which respective time and place or places at least two of the said commissioners shall attend, and permit all persons of lawful age to subscribe in said book, until the number of two hundred shares shall have been subscribed, after which the book shall be closed: *Provided*, That every person offering to subscribe in said books in his own or the name of any other person, shall previously pay to the attending commissioners the sum of two dollars for every share to be subscribed, out of which shall be defrayed the expenses attending the taking said subscriptions and other incidental charges, and the remainder shall be paid over to the treasurer of the corporation, as soon as the same shall be organized, and the officers as hereinafter directed shall be chosen.

Number of  
shares.  
Proviso.

\$2 to be  
paid on each  
share.

**SECT. 2.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That when twenty or more persons shall have subscribed two hundred or more shares in the said work, the commissioners or a majority of them shall certify under their hands and seals the names of the subscribers and the number of shares by them subscribed, to the Governor, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Governor, by letters patent under his hand and seal of the state, to erect and create the subscribers into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of the "President, managers and company of the Monongahela bridge company," and by the said name the subscribers shall have perpetual succession, and all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, and shall be capable of taking and holding their said capital stock and the increase and profits thereof, and of enlarging the same by new subscriptions in such manner and form as they shall think proper, if such enlargement shall be found necessary to fulfil the intent of this act, and of purchasing, taking and holding to them and their successors and assigns, in fee simple or for any less estate, real and personal, as shall be found necessary and convenient to them in the prosecution of their work, and the same to sell and dispose of at their pleasure, and of doing all and every other thing which a corporation or body politic may lawfully do.

When stock  
taken to be  
incorporated

Title.

Privileges,  
&c.

**SECT. 3.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the persons named in the letters patent, as soon as conveniently may be, shall give notice in the before-mentioned newspapers, of the time and place by them to be appointed, not less than thirty days from the date

Organization of company.

First and annual election of officers.

Proviso.

Ratio of votes.

2d proviso.

3d proviso.

For case of non-agreement on value of site.

Court of quarter sessions to appoint seven viewers, who shall under oath appraise, and report to the courts of gr. sessions.

Duties of president & managers.

of the first notice, at which time and place the said subscribers shall proceed to organize the said corporation, and shall choose by a majority of votes of the said subscribers, by ballot, to be delivered in person or by proxy duly authorised, seven managers and one treasurer, for the term of one year from the date of the aforesaid election, and yearly and every year thereafter the said subscribers shall proceed to ballot as aforesaid, for seven managers and one treasurer, that the said managers so elected and appointed shall meet within thirty days from the date of such election, and select one of their number as president for the current year: *Provided*, That every stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each and every share he, she or they may hold, if the number shall not exceed five, and one vote for every three shares above five and under twenty, and one vote for every ten shares over twenty: *Provided*, That no stockholder shall be entitled to more than twenty votes: *Provided also*, That if the president and managers of said company cannot agree with the owner or owners of the land or lands whereon said site shall be fixed, as regards its valuation, then it shall be the duty of the court of quarter sessions of the county of Washington, on application being made by said president and managers, or a majority of them, to appoint seven reputable and disinterested citizens of this state, who shall, upon oath or affirmation, proceed to examine the premises; and after taking into view the advantages, (if any) as well as the damages, shall make out in writing a fair valuation of the land or lands and privileges whereon said bridge shall have been located as aforesaid, and return a copy of said valuation to the next courts of quarter sessions in said counties; and the said valuation or appraisement having been confirmed by the court, shall be filed in the prothonotary's office; and the said president, managers and company having paid to the said owner or owners respectively the several sums awarded to be paid to them, together with the costs of the appraisement, the said corporation shall be entitled to have and to hold to them and their successors and assigns, the said lands, as fully as if they had been granted by their respective owners; and thereupon, and not before, it shall be lawful to commence the erection of said bridge.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said president and managers may make such by-laws, rules, orders and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States, as shall be necessary for the well ordering of the affairs of the corporation, and generally to have all powers, authorities and privileges necessary for completing, maintaining and keeping in repair the said bridge, and be

subject to all the duties, qualifications, restrictions, penalties, fines and forfeitures, and be entitled to like tolls and profits as are given and granted to the president, managers and company for erecting a bridge over the Allegheny river, opposite to Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny, passed the seventeenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen: *Provided*, That if the said company shall not proceed to carry on said bridge within five years after the passage of this act, and within five years thereafter complete the same, or if the said company shall proceed to issue any note or notes of the nature of bank notes, or do any business of the nature of banking, it shall and may be lawful for the legislature to resume all and singular the liberties and privileges hereby granted to the said company: *Provided further*, That the erection of said bridge shall not obstruct the navigation of said river, so as to endanger the passage of rafts, steam-boats or other water craft.

Subject to a former law.

Proviso. Time allowed for commencement and completion. No banking powers.

2d proviso. Not to obstruct navigation.

FRED'K SMITH, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

DANIEL STURGEON,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the sixteenth day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

GEO. WOLF.

No. 60.

AN ACT

To provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor in the county of Lebanon.

SECT. 1. *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 Lebanon shall have power to direct that a house for the employment and support of the poor be erected in said county, and Adam Ulrich, Philip Spittler, John Stauffer, Philip Teis, Jacob Arndt, Jacob Weiss, Michael Kohr, Leonard Knapp and John Harper, be and they are hereby appointed, whose duty it shall be or a majority of them, on

Commissioners authorized to erect poor house. Persons appointed to purchase site.