

## No. 147.

## AN ACT

Authorising the laying out a state road from the bridge over the river Delaware, at New Hope, through Doylestown, over the new bridge at Norristown, Montgomery county, through West Chester, to the state line, in a direction to Baltimore in the state of Maryland.

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 Stokes, Merrick Reeder, of Bucks county, Joel K. Mann and General Henry Scheets, of Montgomery county, and Doctor William Darlington and David Dickey, of Chester county, are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out by courses and distances a state road beginning at the New Hope bridge, in Bucks county, thence through Doylestown, over the new bridge at Norristown, Montgomery county, through West Chester, to the state line in a direction toward Baltimore, in the state of Maryland.

Commissioners appointed.

Route of road.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, or a majority of them, after taking an oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace to perform the duties enjoined upon them by this act with impartiality and fidelity, to carefully view the ground over which the said road may pass, and lay out the same as near to a straight line between the aforesaid points, as the nature of the present road and other important improvements will permit, and so that the vertical departure from a horizontal line shall at no point exceed five degrees, except only at crossing ravines and streams, where by moderate filling or bridging, the declination of the road may be preserved in that limit.

Duties of commissioners.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioners, or a majority of them, in choosing ground, to have due regard to the crossing of waters, to the declination and nature of the ground, to the expense upon the townships and boroughs, damage to private property, and to all other circumstances affecting the route, so that by a judicious and skilful combination of them, the route finally adopted may best promote the public good.

To take all circumstances into view in making location.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioners plainly and distinctly to mark the route agreed upon for the road as aforesaid, in such manner as to enable the super-

To mark route.

Pay of Assistants.

visors readily to find the same; and for the purpose of fulfilling the duties in this act enjoined, the commissioners are hereby authorised to employ one surveyor at two dollars per day, two chain-bearers and one axe-man, at a per diem allowance not exceeding seventy-five cents.

Drafts to be deposited in Secretary's office, and with clerks of county courts on or before 1st Dec.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioners to make out a fair and accurate draft of the said location, noting thereon the courses and distances from point to point as they occur, the improvements passed through, and also the crossing of county and township lines, roads or waters, with such other matters as may serve for explanation, one copy whereof shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on or before the first day of December next, and one copy in the office of the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of the respective counties aforesaid, on the day aforesaid, or as much sooner as practicable, which shall be a record thereof, and from thenceforth the said road shall be to all intents and purposes a public highway, and shall be opened and repaired in all respects as roads are opened and repaired which are laid out by orders of the courts aforesaid.

Compensation of commissioners and their assistants.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the compensation of the commissioners shall be one dollar and fifty cents each for every day necessarily employed by virtue of this act, and the accounts of the said commissioners for their own pay and the pay of their hands as aforesaid, shall be adjusted and allowed by the commissioners of the respective counties through which the road passes, and paid by the treasurer thereof on warrants drawn in the usual way, and in proportion to the length of the road in such county respectively: the commissioners shall meet at the house of George Meldrum, in the town of New Hope, Bucks county, on the second Monday of September next, or as soon thereafter as possible; and complete the work as soon as practicable; and if a vacancy or vacancies shall happen by the resignation of the commissioners, or by any other cause, the Governor is hereby authorised to fill the vacancy or vacancies by a suitable appointment.

Warrants on treasurers.

Place and time of meeting.

Vacancies filled by Governor.

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

WM. G. HAWKINS,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the sixth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

GEO. WOLF.