

No. 32.

AN ACT

For the entire abolition of lotteries.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by certain acts of Assembly heretofore enacted, the right to raise by way of lottery certain sums of money, was granted to the Union Canal company of Pennsylvania: *And whereas*, it appears to the Legislature that the said right has been fully exercised and exhausted: *And whereas*, all other rights to raise money by lottery, heretofore granted by the Legislature have either been exercised and exhausted, or have been abandoned, and it being the intention of the Legislature to put an entire stop to the evils arising from lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets.

Lotteries declared unlawful from and after Dec. 31, 1833.

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 from and after the thirty first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, all and every lottery and lotteries, and device and devices in the nature of lotteries, shall be utterly and entirely abolished, and are hereby declared to be thenceforth unauthorized and unlawful.

Penalty and imprisonment on conviction of selling tickets, or of being in any way concerned in the management, &c. of lotteries.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That from and after the day aforesaid, any person or persons who shall sell or expose to sale, or cause to be sold or exposed to sale, or shall keep on hand for the purpose of sale, or shall advertise or cause to be advertised for sale, or shall aid or assist, or be in any wise concerned in the sale, or exposure to sale, of any lottery ticket or tickets, or any share or part of any lottery ticket, in any lottery or device in the nature of a lottery within this commonwealth, or elsewhere, and any person or persons who shall advertise or cause to be advertised, the drawing of any scheme in any lottery, or be in any way concerned in the managing, conducting, carrying on or drawing of any lottery or device in the nature of a lottery, and shall be convicted thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction, shall, for each and every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum not less than one hundred dollars, and not exceeding ten thousand dollars, or be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding six months, at the discretion of the court.

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SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That whereas the Union Canal company of Pennsylvania have opened a water communication between the

Susquehanna and Schuylkill rivers, forming an essential link of connection between the public improvements and the city of Philadelphia, the completion of which has for a long period been identified with the prosperity of this Commonwealth: *And whereas*, by the last annual report of the managers of said company it appears that their works require extensive repairs and improvements to render them more perfect and permanently useful to citizens inhabiting distant parts of this Commonwealth: *And whereas* the pecuniary means of the company are at present inadequate to accomplish those objects: Therefore, for the purpose of aiding said company, the Governor of this Commonwealth be and he is hereby authorized and required to subscribe, on behalf thereof, on or before the tenth day of April next, for one thousand shares of the capital stock of the Union Canal company of Pennsylvania, for the payment of which subscription he is hereby authorized and required to issue to the said Union Canal company of Pennsylvania, a certificate of loan for two hundred thousand dollars, bearing an interest of four and an half per centum per annum, payable half yearly on the first days of February and August, the principal to be redeemable at any time after the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, for the faithful payment of the principal and interest of which loan, the faith of this Commonwealth is hereby pledged: *Provided always*, That it shall be the duty of the managers of the said company to apply the proceeds of any parts of said loan which they may sell, exclusively to the making and completing such repairs and improvements on the works of said canal, as may render the same as extensively useful as practicable: *Provided*, That before any subscription shall be made, the Union Canal company shall file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth a release of the guarantee of interest provided for by the first section of the act entitled "An act for the improvement of the state," passed the twenty-sixth March, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, and also a release of all claims upon the Commonwealth arising under any grant of lottery rights; also a like release of all claims upon the state for any guarantee of interest heretofore at any time made by the state to the said company, or to its stockholders, or any of them.

Governor authorized to subscribe 1000 shares of the Union canal comp. stock.

To be paid for by a certificate of loan at 4½ per ct. redeemable after 1863.

Proviso.

Application of proceeds to repairs and improvement of canal.

2d proviso.

Company to file in Secretary's office certain releases prior to subscription.

SAM'L. ANDERSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JESSE R. BURDEN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The first day of March, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and thirty-three.

GEO. WOLF.