

No. 193.

AN ACT

Authorizing the governor to incorporate a company to erect a bridge over Oil creek, in Venango county.

SECTION 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 Young, James R. Snowden, John H. Smiley and Richard Irwin, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned, to wit: They or any three of them shall, on or before the first day of June, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, procure one or more books for the use of said company, and shall enter therein as follows: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president and managers of the Oil creek bridge company, in the county of Venango, the sum set opposite our respective names, in such manner and proportions, and at such times, as shall be determined by the president and managers, in pursuance of the act of assembly authorizing the governor to incorporate a company to erect a toll bridge over Oil creek, where the Franklin and Warren turnpike road crosses said creek;" and shall thereupon receive subscription for the stock of said company, at such times and places as they may think proper.

SECTION 2. When twenty or more shares of said stock shall have been subscribed, the said commissioners, or any three of them, shall certify under their hands and seals, to the governor of the said commonwealth, the names of the subscribers, and the number of shares subscribed; and thereupon it shall be lawful for the governor, by letters patent, under his hand and the seal of the state, to create and erect the said subscribers, and also all those who may afterwards subscribe, into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The Oil creek bridge company;" and by the said name the said subscribers shall have perpetual succession, and all privileges and franchises incident to a corporation; and shall be capable of holding their said capital stock, and the increase and profits thereof, and of enlarging the same from time to time 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 taking, purchasing and holding, to them and their successors, in fee simple or any less estate, all such lands, tenements, hereditaments, and real estate and personal, as shall be necessary and convenient to them in the prosecution of their works, and the same to sell and dispose of at their pleasure; of suing and being sued, and of doing all and every other matter and thing which a corporation or body politic may lawfully do: said company may contract for or receive, by gift or otherwise, the materials on the ground, and any piers, abutments, or other property which may belong to the Franklin and Warren turnpike road company.

SECTION 3. A majority of the persons named in the letters patent shall, as soon as conveniently may be after receiving the same, give notice in one newspaper in the county of Venango, of the time and place by them appointed, not less than twenty days from the time of

Commissioners.

Form of subscription.

Letters patent.

Name.

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issuing the first notice; at which time and place the said subscribers shall proceed to organize the said corporation, and shall ballot, either in person or by proxy duly authorized, and elect one president, six managers and a treasurer, and such other officers as they may think necessary to conduct the business of said company for one year, and until other officers shall be chosen; and make such by-laws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this commonwealth, as shall be necessary for the well ordering of the affairs of said company: *Provided*, That each person shall be entitled to one vote for every share not exceeding ten, and two votes for every five shares above ten; and generally to have like power, authority and privileges for erecting and completing the said bridge, and be subject to all the duties, qualifications, restrictions, penalties, fines and forfeitures as are given, granted and imposed in the act, entitled "An Act to authorize the governor to incorporate a company to erect a toll bridge over Red Bank creek, at or near where the road from Bedford to Franklin crosses said creek, in the county of Armstrong," passed the eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three. Organization.
Officers.
Proviso.
Votes.
Power, duties,
penalties, &c.

SECTION 4. That when a complete bridge is erected over the said Oil creek, the company shall have power and authority to receive and exact toll from all persons crossing the said bridge, for the purpose of keeping said bridge in repair, and for the general benefit of the said company: for every score of sheep, five cents; for every score of hogs, six cents and one-fourth; for every score of cattle, twelve and a half cents; for every horse or mule, laden or unladen, with his rider or leader, three cents; for every sulkey, chair or chaise, with one horse and two wheels, six and a fourth cents, and with two horses, nine cents; for every deer-borne with one horse, six and a fourth cents; for every chaise, coach, phaeton, chair, stage, wagon, coachee or light wagon, with two horses and four wheels, twelve and a half cents; for either of the carriages last mentioned, with four horses, eighteen and three-fourth cents; for every carriage or phaeton, under whatever name it may go, the like sum according to the number of wheels and horses drawing the same; for every sleigh or sled, three cents for each horse drawing the same; for every cart, wagon or other carriage of burthen, four cents for each horse drawing the same; and when any such carriage aforesaid shall be drawn by oxen or mules, in the whole or in part, two oxen shall be estimated as equal to one horse; and every ass or mule as equal to one horse, in charging the tolls aforesaid; for every foot passenger, one cent: *Provided*, All persons going to and returning from funerals, children going to school and returning from the same, and all persons going to and returning from military parade, shall pass toll free: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the said company from contracting with any person or persons, desirous of using said bridge, for an annual sum, in place of the tolls hereinbefore mentioned. Toll.
Proviso.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.