

No. 187.

A N A C T

Enjoining certain duties on the canal commissioners.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The journals of the board of canal commissioners, and the papers on file in their office, are frequently required to be produced in evidence, on the trial of causes in courts of this commonwealth, and the originals can alone be admitted as evidence in the trial of such cause, there being no mode of attesting copies of such journals or papers provided by law ; therefore,

To procure an official seal.

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 the canal commissioners of the state of Pennsylvania, be and they are hereby authorized to procure an official seal, engraved with such device as they may adopt, and lettered "seal of the board of canal commissioners of Pennsylvania," which shall be kept by the secretary of the board, and by him attached to all extracts of the journals of said commissioners, and copies of papers on file in said commissioners' office, which may be applied for, to be used as evidence in the trial of causes in any of the courts of this commonwealth; and said copies, when attested by the impression of said seal, shall be received in evidence, and have the same effect, as if the originals, from which they may be taken, were produced in any of the courts of this commonwealth.

Expense.

SECTION 2. The expense of procuring said seal, shall be settled and paid for in the same manner, that the contingent expenses of said board are now paid.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.