

No. 269.

## AN ACT

To authorize the incorporation of a company to erect a bridge over the Juniata river, at or near Andrew Mays', Mifflin county, and for other purposes.

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 John Brought, John Cumford, John M'Cord, Thomas M'Cord, William Colwell, Hugh M'Kee, Owen Ones, William Jennings, Elias Pennypacker, Mathew T. Mays, Andrew Mays, William P. Elliott, of Mifflin county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to perform the duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: They, or a majority of them, shall, on or before the first day of October next, provide one or more books for the entering of subscriptions, and shall write therein as follows: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers, and company for erecting a bridge over the Juniata river, at or near Andrew Mays', Mifflin county, the sum of twenty dollars for every share of stock in the said company set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and proportions, and at such times as shall be determined by the president and managers of said company, in pursuance of an act of the general assembly, entitled 'An Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of erecting a bridge over the Juniata river, at or near Andrew Mays', Mifflin county.' Witness our hands this                      day of                      one thousand eight hundred and forty-five;" and the said commissioners, or a majority thereof, shall thereupon give notice in one of the newspapers printed in the county of Mifflin, during one calendar month at least, of the times and places when said books shall be opened to receive subscriptions; at which times and places some one or more of said commissioners shall attend for that purpose, and keep open the said books during six hours in each place, four successive juridical days, or until fifty shares shall be subscribed; and if said fifty shares shall not be subscribed within that period, then the said attending commissioners may adjourn from time to time, until the said number of shares shall be subscribed, of which adjournment public notice shall be given by means of the newspapers aforesaid, or in others, as occasion may require; and when fifty shares shall have been subscribed the books shall be closed.

Commissioners.

Duties.

Form of subscription.

Notice.

SECTION 2. That as soon as fifty shares shall be subscribed, and five dollars paid on each share so subscribed to the said commissioners, then said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall certify the same, together with a list of the subscribers and the shares by each subscribed, and that the sum of five dollars has been actually paid on each share, in writing to the governor, who thereupon shall constitute the said subscribers, and also all those who may in future subscribe under the provisions of this act, a body corporate, by the name of the "President, managers, and company for erecting a bridge over the Juniata river, at or near Andrew Mays', Mifflin county," with all the privileges incident to such a corporation who shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable of taking and holding their said capital stock, and the increase

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thereof, and of enlarging the same by new subscriptions, if such enlargement be necessary to fulfil the purposes of this act.

- Organization.** SECTION 3. That the six persons first named in the letters patent of incorporation, shall, as soon as conveniently may be after sealing the same, give notice in the newspapers aforesaid, of a time and place by them to be appointed, not less than thirty days from the time of issuing the first notice, at which time and place the said subscribers shall proceed to organize the corporation, and shall choose, by a majority of votes of the said subscribers, taken by ballot, to be delivered either in person or by proxy, duly authorized, one president, five managers and one treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem necessary to conduct the business of the company during one year, or until other officers be chosen; and the said company may make such by-laws, rules, orders and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of this commonwealth, as may be necessary for the well ordering of the affairs of the said company; and as soon as the said corporation is so organized, the commissioners shall pay over to the treasurer the sums paid to them at the time of subscription, and the corporation shall pay to the said commissioners all reasonable expenses, which may have attended the taking such subscriptions: *Provided however*, No person shall have more than ten votes, whatever number of shares he may hold in said company, and each person shall have one vote for each share of stock he may hold less than ten shares.
- Votes.**
- Annual meetings.** SECTION 4. That a public meeting of the said stockholders shall be held on the first Monday in October next, and on the first Monday of October in each year thereafter, at such place as the rules and by-laws of said company shall fix, for the purpose of choosing officers for the ensuing year, and the determination of any question affecting the interest of the company, public notice of the time and place of holding elections to be given in the newspapers aforesaid, at least one month before the time thereof.
- Certificates.** SECTION 5. That the president and managers shall procure printed certificates of all the shares of stock in said company, which shall be signed by the president, countersigned by the treasurer, and sealed with the seal of the company; and each subscriber shall be entitled to one such certificate for each share by him subscribed for, on paying to the treasurer the full amount of twenty dollars, which certificate shall be
- Transferable.** transferable, either by the owner in person or by his attorney, duly authorized, in the presence of the president or treasurer, for the time being, and the person to whom said certificate shall be transferred shall stand in the place of the former holder of the certificate, and shall be entitled to the same privileges in the company.
- Property vested.** SECTION 6. That when the said bridge is completed as aforesaid, the property of the said bridge shall be vested in the said company as aforesaid, their successors and assigns forever, and it shall and may be lawful for the said company, their successors and assigns, to erect a gate, and to demand and receive toll from travellers and others at said bridge, agreeably to the following rates, viz: For every carriage of whatever description, used for the purpose of trade or agriculture, having four wheels, for each horse drawing the same, six and a fourth cents; for every carriage having two wheels, for each horse drawing the same, five cents; for every carriage of whatever description, used for the purpose of personal accommodation or pleasure, having four wheels, for each horse drawing the same, twelve and a half cents; for every dearborne wagon drawn by one horse, twelve and a half cents; for every chair or other two wheeled carriage of pleasure, for each horse drawing the same, twelve and a half cents; for every sleigh or sled,
- Tolls.**

drawn by four horses, twenty-five cents ; for every sleigh or sled, drawn by three horses, twenty cents ; for every sleigh or sled, drawn by two horses, eighteen and three-fourth cents ; for every sleigh or sled, drawn by one horse, twelve and a half cents ; for every horse, mare or gelding, with a rider, six and a fourth cents ; for every horse, mare or gelding, without a rider, four cents ; for every carriage drawn by oxen, or partly by oxen and partly by horses, to be rated in the proportion of two oxen for one horse, and in all cases a mule shall be rated the same as a horse ; for every score of sheep or swine, twelve and a half cents ; for every head of horned cattle, two cents ; and in no case shall it be lawful for the owner or driver of any horses or cattle, to lead or drive more than twelve head on said bridge at the same time : *Provided*, That any person or persons attending funerals, or any military company or detachment of this state or of the United States, persons attending divine worship on the Sabbath day, all persons going to or returning from any election or military training, and students or children attending schools or other seminary of learning, shall at all times be exempt from the payment of any toll. Free passage.

SECTION 7. That if any person or persons shall wilfully ride, drive, or lead any horse or creature faster than a walk, when crossing said bridge, he, she or they, so offending, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, to be recovered for the use of said company, as fines of a similar amount are by law recoverable. Penalty for rapid driving, &c.

SECTION 8. That if any gate keeper for said company, their successors or assigns, shall demand and collect any greater rates or prices for passing over said bridge than what is hereinbefore authorized, he, she or they, so offending, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered for the use of the person aggrieved, as fines of the same amount are by law recoverable : *Provided*, That such suit or action be brought within twenty days after the offence shall have been committed. Penalty for excessive tolls.

SECTION 9. That the county commissioners of the county of Venango, he and they are hereby authorized to build a free bridge over the Franklin, Venango creek, at the town of Franklin, at the foot of High street, in said town and said county. Free bridge at Venango.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.