

SECTION 2. That hereafter all county bridges in said counties shall be repaired and kept in repair by the respective townships and boroughs in which the same are located; and in case any such bridge shall lie partly in two townships or boroughs, the same shall be repaired and kept in repair jointly by the townships or boroughs in which such bridge may thus lie.

SECTION 3. That the courts of quarter sessions of said counties respectively, may, at any time, on reasonable cause being shown by petition, appoint three reputable citizens, not residents of the township or borough where the bridge is located, to view any county bridge which may be represented as being too much decayed and dilapidated to be repaired, and too burthensome and expensive to be rebuilt by the township or townships, borough or boroughs in which the same may lie; and if said viewers shall, after careful examination and consideration, report, under oath or affirmation, to said court, that the facts contained in said petition are true, the said court shall lay the same before the grand jury of said county; and if the same shall be approved by said grand jury, and by said court, then the said county commissioners shall proceed, with as little delay as possible, and in all respects proceed in relation to the same, as is directed by law as to building county bridges; and the said viewers shall be paid by the petitioners making application for the view of any such bridge.

Report of viewers
When commissioners shall make the repairs.

Viewers pay.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DANIEL L. SHERWOOD,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 138.

AN ACT

Relating to sheriffs and coroners.

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 whenever any sheriff or coroner of any of the counties of this commonwealth, shall notoriously abscond from the county, or the city and county, for which he was elected sheriff or coroner, and thereby fail to perform the duties enjoined upon him by law, the office of such sheriff or coroner so notoriously absconding, shall be deemed and held vacant to all intents and purposes.

When sheriff or coroner absconds, office declared vacant.

SECTION 2. That the official acts of Silas Barnes, who was appointed sheriff of Greene county, to supply a vacancy in said office, are made valid.

Official acts of Silas Barnes of Greene county, made valid.

hereby declared to be as valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if no doubt existed as to the vacancy in said office, at the time of his appointment.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DANIEL L. SHERWOOD,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 139.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act, entitled "An Act to enable Samuel Murdock, and others, to connect Hog island, in the county of Delaware, with the main land, and for other purposes."

Additional powers granted to owners of marsh land.

Proviso.

Maintain sufficient sluices.

Pearson Serrill and others authorized to connect mud island with the main land, in Kingsessing township.

Proprietors of League island authorized to connect with the main land.

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 Samuel Murdock and John Black, owners of marsh land on said Hog island, their heirs or assigns, holding the same, in addition to the powers granted by the act to which this is a supplement, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to embank, fill up and enclose the aperture in the bridge, which said act authorized to be built, so as to connect Hog island with the main land, with an embankment or dam, so soon and not before, as a good and sufficient bank or dyke may be constructed from the upper end of Hog island, to and adjoining the outward embankment of Fort Mifflin: *Provided,* That the said Samuel Murdock and John Black, their heirs and assigns, holders of the said lands, shall make and always maintain a sufficient sluice or sluices in said embankment or dam, to vent or discharge the water from the marsh lands in the vicinity, as the same have heretofore been drained.

SECTION 2. That Pearson Serrill, Benj. Serrill and Caleb Churchman, their heirs and assigns, holders of marsh meadow land, in the township of Kingsessing, in the county of Philadelphia, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to connect Mud island, in the river Delaware, with the main land, at a point on the land of said Pearson Serrill, near the upper extremity of the re-claimed land of Mud island, by erecting or constructing an embankment or dyke, to extend from said Mud island to said Pearson Serrill's land.

SECTION 3. That the owners and proprietors of League island, be and they are hereby authorized to connect the said island with the main land, by a causeway, embankment or dyke, at any point at or above the