

No. 272.

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For the relief of Benjamin Bear and William Mackey.

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 be and they are hereby authorized and required, to examine the claims of Benjamin Bear and William Mackey, for damages alledged to have been sustained by reason of the recent breaches on the West Branch division of the Pennsylvania canal, and make report to the next legislature.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 273.

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Relating to the estate of Mary Forepaugh, late of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, widow, deceased.

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 F. Forepaugh and William F. Ireland, executors of the last will and testament of the said Mary Forepaugh, deceased, and the survivor of them, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell in fee simple, or for such estate as the said testatrix had therein at the time of her decease, any and all ground rent or ground rents, or other real estate not specifically devised by her in her said will, either at public or private sale, or to dispose of such real estate upon ground rents, redeemable or irredeemable, and to convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, by deed or deeds, which shall be as good and valid in law as if made by the said Mary Forepaugh if she were Power to sell.

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now living; or in case the tenant or tenants owning the real estate, charged with the payment of any such ground rents, shall be desirous of extinguishing the same, and the time for the doing thereof shall not be expired, it shall and may be lawful for the said executors, or the survivor of them, upon receipt of the principal sum or equivalent for such ground rents, and any arrears thereof, to seal and execute a sufficient release and discharge of such ground rents, or any of them, at the proper costs and charges of the person or persons requiring the same: *Provided*, That the proceeds arising from the exercise of the said powers hereby given, if the same be ground rents, shall be held, or if the same be money, be re-invested either in real estate or otherwise, for and upon the same uses, trusts and purposes as the same were held under said will, but that the purchaser or purchasers shall be in no wise responsible for the proper application of the purchase money, or any part thereof, and shall hold the same freed and discharged of all and every use and trust created by said will: *And provided also*, That all such re-investments shall be made under the direction and sanction of the orphans' court of Philadelphia county.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 274.

AN ACT

To authorize the construction of a railroad from the iron works in Providence township, Luzerne county, to certain iron ore lands in the townships of Providence and Lackawanna.

Authorizing certain persons in Luzerne county to construct a railroad from their iron works to their iron ore lands.

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 Selden S. Scranton, George W. Scranton, Joseph H. Scranton and Joseph C. Platt, and their associates, heirs and assigns doing business in the township of Providence, county of Luzerne, and state aforesaid, shall have the right to construct a single or double track railroad from their iron works and furnaces in said Providence township, to their iron ore lands in the townships of Providence and Lackawanna, a distance of about five miles, to be constructed along or near the course of the Stafford Meadow brook, and upon lands now unimproved; said road to be for their accommodation in transporting their coal, limestone, iron ore, and other personal property.