

stolen horses, and defraying the necessary costs attending the meetings of the company.

To increase
funds.

SECTION 6. If at any time the funds of the company should be inadequate to its emergencies, such deficiency shall be levied, by an equal assessment, upon every member of the company.

By-laws.

SECTION 7. That the company shall have power at any annual or stated quarterly meeting, to make such by-laws as may be deemed necessary for its better regulation: *Provided*, That such by-laws are not repugnant to this act, or inconsistent with the constitution of this state, or of the United States.

Proviso.

Reservation.

SECTION 8. That the legislature reserves the right to alter, amend, or annul the charter at any time hereafter.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,

Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 334.

AN ACT

For the relief of the sureties of William Parsons, late collector at Lockport; relating to the Mutual fire insurance company of Montgomery county.

Auditor general
to allow credit.

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 auditor general be and he is hereby authorized to allow a credit of one hundred and thirty dollars and eleven cents to the sureties of William Parsons, late collector at Lockport, being one year's interest on the defalcation of said Parsons, erroneously charged, and for which judgment has been obtained in the court of common pleas of Dauphin county.

Committee of the
Mutual fire insu-
rance company of
Montgomery
county shall have
power to compel
the attendance of
witnesses.

SECTION 2. That the committee of the board of managers authorized to be appointed in pursuance of an act, approved the thirty-first day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-one, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Mutual fire insurance company of Montgomery county," by the president of the said company, by the seventh section of the act to which this is a supplement, or any one of them, shall have power and authority to issue subpoenas to any person or persons as witnesses, and to compel by attachment, the attendance of such witness or witnesses at such time and place as be designated in the subpoena or subpoenas; and on the attendance of such witness or witnesses, the said committee or either of them, shall have authority to administer an oath or affirmation to such witness or witnesses, to testify in relation to such matters as form the subject matter of investigation by such committee;

and every such witness shall be entitled to six cents mileage per mile direct, or three cents circular, necessarily traveled by him; and also sixty-two and one-half cents for each and every day he shall necessarily attend before said committee.

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

WM. F. JOHNSTON,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 335.

AN ACT

Relative to the borough of Germantown, in the county of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, William Penn, proprietary of the province of Pennsylvania, by his charter, bearing date twelfth day of August, Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and eighty-nine, did incorporate divers persons therein named, all of Germantown, in the county of Philadelphia, by the name of "The bailiff, burgesses and commonalty of Germantown, in the county of Philadelphia, in the province of Pennsylvania;" and among other powers and authorities, did grant unto the said corporation a right to have, take and purchase messuages, lands, tenements, et cetera, and to give, grant, alien and dispose of the same; and also to hold courts of records:

Preamble.

And whereas, The said corporation, as appears by the ancient records thereof, now in the office of the recorder of deeds for the city and county of Philadelphia, did, on or about the sixth day of the eleventh month, in the year one thousand seven hundred and three-four, purchase, for a market place, and also to build thereon the prison house, stocks, pound, et cetera, one-half acre of ground, in said town of Germantown, containing fourteen perches on the Main street, and five perches and three-quarters on the cross street, hereafter more particularly described:

And whereas, Subsequently a market house was erected on said lot of ground; and the said corporation did continue to exercise the said powers and authorities until the year one thousand seven hundred and seven, and afterwards ceased from exercise thereof, or any of them; and since which time the said one-half acre of ground or market place, and market house, have been used by and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said town of Germantown, in the county of Philadelphia:

And whereas, The said inhabitants of the said town of Germantown, have lately become incorporated under the name, style and title of "The borough of Germantown," and it is desirable that the title to the said one-half acre of ground, or market-house lot, should be absolutely