

LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA,

by any neglect or omission to elect or appoint all or any of its officers at the times allotted for the same.

J. S. M'CALMONT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

V. BEST,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 274.

AN ACT

Granting to the borough of Erie a reservation called the Garrison ground, for a public park, and for an hospital; and relative to the North American life and health insurance company.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, This commonwealth by an act passed the eighteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, reserved and set apart a tract of sixty acres of land, on the southern side of the harbor of Presque Isle, for the accommodation and use of the United States, in erecting and maintaining forts, magazines, arsenals and dock yards, and other like improvements :

And whereas, The United States have long since ceased to occupy the same for the purposes aforesaid, or any other purpose :

And whereas, The tract of land aforesaid, being within the corporate limits of the said borough, is in a dilapidated, unimproved and unsightly condition, offensive to the good taste and comfort of the inhabitants thereof :

And whereas, If improved and ornamented, and converted into public grounds, it would become highly agreeable and useful, without as is believed interfering with or infringing upon such occupancy as the United States may hereafter desire ; therefore,

Corporate authority of the borough of Erie, authorized to take possession of certain grounds, &c.

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 tract of land aforesaid be granted to the burgess and town council of the borough of Erie, in the county of Erie, for the purpose of a public park and public grounds, to the use and accommodation of the inhabitants thereof ; that the corporate authority of said borough be authorized to take possession of the same to lay it out, or so much as may be required, in a manner suitable to the object ; to find and plant trees and shrubbery, and otherwise ornament and improve the same ; to establish foot-ways, carriage-ways and other avenues ; and to open and extend the streets and lanes of said borough through the same, and to do whatever else may be necessary to appropriate and convert the same to the

uses aforesaid; to make, ordain, establish and enforce all such rules, regulations and by-laws as may be necessary for its maintainance and preservation, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States and this state.

SECTION 2. That it shall be lawful for the said burgess and town council to set off and appropriate any part of said tract, not exceeding ten acres, for the use of the borough hospital now erected on said tract.

SECTION 3. That this grant, and all the rights and powers hereby conferred, are subject to the right of occupancy by the United States, and subject also to the title of this commonwealth, notwithstanding any improvement that may be hereafter made on said land, as provided in the act aforesaid; and all other acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That it shall and may be lawful for the stockholders of the North American mutual life and health insurance company, on the first Monday in May next ensuing the date of the passage of this act, to elect a board of directors, consisting of fifteen members, in whom shall be vested the management of the affairs of the said company; the said directors shall at their first meeting after their election, divide themselves into three classes of five each, one of which shall hold their seats for the term of three years, one other class for the term of two years, and the third class for the term of one year; and annually thereafter, on the first Monday in May in each and every year, the stockholders of the said company shall elect five persons as directors, who shall hold their seats for three years; but any person whose seat as a director has become vacant by the expiration of his term, may be re-elected; all acts of assembly, or sections of acts heretofore passed, the provisions of which are inconsistent or conflict with this section, are hereby repealed.

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AN ACT

To establish wharf lines on each side of the river Schuylkill, from Fairmount to the river Delaware.

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 principal or assistant surveyor of the city of Philadelphia, and the recording or other legally appointed surveyors of the districts of Spring*