

No. 198.

AN ACT

For the relief of Jane Lescure, the widow of an old soldier.

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 State Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Jane Lescure, widow of Abraham Lescure, of Armstrong county, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, a gratuity of forty dollars, and an annuity of forty dollars annually thereafter during the term of her natural life, payable half-yearly, commencing on the first day of July next, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 M. M'CASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-eighth day of March, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 199.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To the act incorporating the Hanover Branch Railroad Company, approved the sixteenth day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

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 act, entitled "An act authorizing the Governor to incorporate the Hanover Branch railroad company," approved the sixteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, shall be and is hereby so amended, as to authorize the president and managers of said company to appoint, previous to every annual election, three disinterested judges to conduct the same, who shall not be eligible as directors at the same election, and shall respectively take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace, well and truly, and according to law, conduct such election to the best of their knowledge and ability; and the said judges, or a majority of them, shall have power to examine, on oath, persons offering to vote, and to decide upon their qualifications and bona fide right to vote, and

when the election is closed, shall count the votes, and declare who have been elected, and make, forthwith, return thereof to the president and managers of said company.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 200.

AN ACT

To establish a Public Ferry on the Allegheny river at Elliott's Ferry, in President township, Venango county.

Authority to Robert P. Elliott to make landings.

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To keep good and substantial boats.

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 Robert P. Elliott, his heirs and assigns, shall have the right and privilege at his or their own proper cost and charges, to make good and convenient landings on each side of the Allegheny river at Elliott's Landing in President township, and county of Venango, and also the right and privilege of erecting posts on any land or lands contiguous to or adjoining said landings, and to extend therefrom and across said river Allegheny a rope, chain or wire, in order to facilitate the crossing said stream: Provided, That the said rope, chain or wire shall be so extended as not to interfere with or obstruct the ascent or descent of craft navigating said river: Provided also, That the said Robert P. Elliott, his heirs and assigns, shall pay to the owner or owners of said land or lands on which the before mentioned posts may be erected, all damages which may accrue to said owners in consequence thereof, which said damages shall be assessed by a jury of six persons, appointed by the court of common pleas of said Venango county, and their report and proceedings shall be the same in every respect as in the case of opening roads under existing laws; Provided also, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent at any time the erection of a bridge over the said river where the public road crosses at or near said ferry.*

SECTION 2. The said Robert P. Elliott, his heirs and assigns, shall keep good and substantial boats and flats and careful ferry-men, who shall constantly, as occasion may require, attend for the purpose of transporting travelers and others across the said river, and on the failure thereof unless prevented by some unavoidable occurrence, he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine