

No. 240.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To an act incorporating the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railroad company.

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 Delaware, Lackawana and Western railroad company is hereby authorized to subscribe to the capital stock of the Warren railroad company, in the State of New Jersey, not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, and to lease said railroad of said company, for such term, and upon such conditions, as said companies may agree upon.*

SECTION 2. That said Delaware, Lackawana and Western railroad company is authorized to purchase and hold, in the States of New York and New Jersey, lands necessary for depot purposes, and the shipping of coal and other freight, not exceeding twenty acres at any one place.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER

No. 241.

A N A C T

Appointing Commissioners to examine the transactions and conduct of the Northampton Bank of Lehigh county.

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 Commissioners.* John D. Styles, William Fry and David Laury, of the county of Lehigh, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to do and perform the several acts and things hereinafter mentioned, to wit: the said commissioners or a majority of them shall give notice in one or more newspapers printed in Lehigh county, for two successive weeks, that they or a majority of them will meet at a certain time and place to be designated by them, in the borough of Allentown, in the county of Lehigh,

for the purpose of examining into and investigating the concerns of the Northampton Bank.

Powers of commissioners.

SECTION 2. That the said commissioners or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority to call upon every person or persons whomsoever, having charge of the books, journals, records and documents of the said bank, or the notes, bonds, judgments, mortgages and accounts, and every other evidence of debt or demand whatsoever, as well those due to as those owing by the said bank, and compel the production thereof either by attachment or otherwise, and to examine into and copy the same or any part thereof, to the time of taking the said examination: the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to call before them as witnesses, the directors or officers of said bank or any of them, or any person who at any time may have been an officer or director of said bank, or any other person or persons, and examine them or any of them on oath or affirmation, touching their knowledge of the transactions of the said bank, or of the directors or officers thereof, or of any other person or persons for them, as well in regard to the manner of subscribing for and the payment of the capital stock of said bank, as the subsequent disposal of the same, or whether the whole of said stock was paid in agreeably to the act of incorporation, and generally to examine the said witnesses as aforesaid in regard to any other matter or thing whatsoever, which the said commissioners or a majority of them may deem necessary and proper, to a full exposition of the conduct of said bank, or the directors and officers or trustee or trustees thereof, or any other person or persons for them, from the time of its incorporation to the time of taking such examination, and the reasons of the failure of said bank.

Power to commit for contempt.

SECTION 3. That the said commissioners or a majority of them shall have full power and authority to commit for contempt, in like manner as the courts of common pleas of this Commonwealth have in similar cases, any person refusing to testify as a witness, or make answer to such interrogatories as the said commissioners or a majority of them may deem proper.

Witnesses.

SECTION 4. That the said commissioners shall have full power to compel the attendance of witnesses before them by subpoena, attachment or otherwise, in like manner as the courts of common pleas of this Commonwealth.

Adjournment.

SECTION 5. That the said commissioners or a majority of them shall have power to adjourn from time to time, as they may deem proper, until they shall have finished such examination, and shall make report of their proceedings, together with the testimony or such part thereof as they may deem proper, to the next Legislature, or to any subsequent term thereafter.

Compensation.

SECTION 6. That the said commissioners shall be allowed each three dollars per day for every day necessarily spent by them in the said examination, and each witness shall be entitled to the same daily pay and mileage as is allowed in the court of common pleas, the same to be paid together with the expense of clerk hire, serving process and advertising, on the warrant or warrants of said commissioners or a majority of them, (on the oath or affirmation of one or more of them that the same is correct,) drawn on the assignees or on the surviving directors of said bank for the payment thereof. *Provided nevertheless*, That the said investigation shall not interfere in the suits now

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pending between the creditors of the said bank and the directors of the same.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

No. 242.

AN ACT

Supplementary to an act for the Encouragement of the Volunteers of the City and County of Philadelphia.

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 first, second, third and fifth sections of an act, entitled "An act for the encouragement of the volunteers of the city and county of Philadelphia," approved March eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, be and the same are hereby extended and made to apply to the volunteers of every other county of the Commonwealth: *Provided,* That the fine imposed in said act shall be fifty cents in all parts of the State, except Philadelphia city and county, and Allegheny county, which shall be one dollar.

E. B. CHASE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.