

may pass, on the time aforesaid, or as much sooner as practicable, and from thenceforth the said road shall be a public highway, and shall be opened and repaired as all other roads laid out by the county are made and repaired.

Expenses.

SECTION 4. The amount required to pay the expenses as thus provided, shall be paid by a warrant drawn on the commissioners of Westmoreland and Somerset counties, in proportion to the time spent in each county respectively.

Meeting of commissioners.

SECTION 5. That said commissioners shall meet on or before the first Monday of June next, or as soon thereafter as a majority of them shall agree on and complete the location of said road, as soon as practicable, and if any vacancy shall occur by resignation or otherwise, it shall be filled by the judges of the court of quarter sessions of the county in which said person or persons so resigning shall have resided.

Releases.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the said commissioners to endeavor to procure from all persons through whose land said road is located, release from all claims and damages which might arise from opening the said road, and in all cases where a release cannot be obtained, it shall be their duty to assess the damages and make report thereof, signed by a majority of them, which, with the releases, shall be returned to the court of quarter sessions of the respective counties in which such damages may accrue.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

M. M'CASLIN,

Speaker of the Senate.

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

WM. BIGLER.

No. 312.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Bethlehem Gas Company," approved the seventh day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

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 Bethlehem gas company shall have power and authority, and is hereby empowered and authorized to enter into and upon such lands and enclosures as the said company may deem necessary, to dig trenches for the purpose of laying their pipes for the distribution of gas, carrying off the refuse, and for all other necessary purposes, doing as little damage as possible to private

property, and paying for whatever injury may be done by them; and if the parties cannot agree on the amount of damages, the same shall be assessed by three disinterested persons on oath, to be appointed by the court of common pleas of Northampton county, on the application of either party; and the said company shall have the like privileges as to the relaying or taking up or repairing the said pipes, as often as the same may be necessary: *Provided*, That the said company shall fill up said trenches with as little delay as possible.

E. B. CHASE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

WM. BIGLER.

No. 313.

AN ACT

To authorize the Construction of a Railroad upon Canal Street, Harrisburg.

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 it shall be lawful for George W. Harris, and his associate or associates, to have a railroad constructed for their own use along Canal street, on the east side, in the borough of Harrisburg; the said road hereby authorized, to extend up said Canal street from a point opposite to the canal basin, in said borough, up to a point opposite to ground of Morris Patterson, or to any point below the same, and to connect at or near to North street, or between the same and State street, with the road of the Pennsylvania railroad company; the point of connection with the road of the said company, to be approved of by the president of the said company, or some person authorized by him or the company; and the said point of connection to be at least one hundred feet above where the railroad of David R. Porter connects with the said Pennsylvania railroad.

SECTION 2. That for the protection of the road hereby authorized, with its fixtures and appurtenances, all the provisions of the fifteenth and sixteenth sections of the act to incorporate the Pennsylvania railroad, passed on the thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, are hereby made applicable and extended to the owner or owners of the road hereby authorized, or any part thereof, giving to the said owner or