

ratified by the assent of three-fourths, in interest, of the stockholders of the said company: *And provided also*, That no increase of the capital stock shall be made without the assent of a majority, in interest, of the stockholders of the company: *Provided*, That the consent first be had of the company or companies with which the said Allentown railroad company desire to consolidate, or from whom it may desire to purchase or lease.

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. 317.

A N A C T

Relative to the escheated Estate of John Chase, a negro man.

WHEREAS, John Chase, a negro man, late of the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, was possessed of a certain lot of ground near the town of Canonsburg, in said county, containing about three acres, valued and appraised at the sum of three hundred dollars, as appears by the returns in the office of the Auditor General of this Commonwealth:

And whereas, The said John Chase being so possessed of the said lot of ground did die intestate, and without issue or known heirs capable of inheriting the same, and the said lot of ground did thereby be and become escheated to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

And whereas, The colored people of the said town of Canonsburg have no church or place of sepulture; therefore,

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 said lot of ground be and the same is hereby vested in John Durham, John Sluby, William Johns, Washington Jackson and Elias Prall, trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal church, of the town of Canonsburg, and their successors forever, for the use of the said church, as a place of sepulture for all persons of the African race who may die in or near the said town of Canonsburg, and for the purpose of erecting a church and a parsonage house upon the same or part thereof: *Provided however*, That if the said lot or any part thereof shall at any time hereafter be used in any way for any other purpose, that grant shall be null and void, and the said lot with the buildings thereon, if any, shall revert and belong to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: *And provided also*, That the said lot

of ground and appurtenances shall not at any time be sold by the said trustees or their successors: *And provided further*, That the said lot of ground shall not be sold on or by virtue of any writ of execution against the said trustees or their successors, nor shall they or their successors ever in any way have power to mortgage, encumber or sell the same in any way, nor shall any mechanics' lien be entered or valid against the same or any part thereof.

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. 318.

AN ACT

Authorizing the Governor to incorporate the Loretto and Carrollton Plank Road 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

Commissioners. Peter Smelser, Joseph Buck, Augustine Fairbough, John Buck, Peter Shewy, Philip Hartsock, Patrick Braniff, George Litzinger, Patrick Shiels, Peter J. Little, James Byrne, Benjamin Weitner, or any four of them be and they are hereby authorized to open books and receive subscriptions, and organize a company

Style. by the name, style and title of the "Loretto and Carrollton plank road company," with power to construct a plank road from Loretto to Carrollton, to connect with the Ebensburg and

Subject to provisions of certain act. Susquehanna plank road company, subject to all the provisions and restrictions of an act regulating plank road companies, approved the twenty-sixth day of January, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and the several supplements thereto, so far as they are consistent with this act.

Capital stock. *SECTION 2. That the capital of said company shall consist of five hundred shares at twenty dollars per share.*

Tolls. *SECTION 3. That whenever the said company shall have completed five miles of their road, they shall have power to erect toll-gates, and receive the same toll per mile, as allowed by the twelfth and thirteenth sections of the aforesaid act, approved the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.*

Commencement and completion of road. *SECTION 4. That if said company shall not commence the construction of said road within three years, and complete the same within ten years from and after the passage of this act, then*