

seal of such court to have been so acknowledged; and such certificate of acknowledgment shall be read in open court of the county where the real estate is situate, and entered upon the records thereof; and upon being so entered, shall have the same effect as if the deed, mortgage or lease had been acknowledged before said court, as now required by law.

SECTION 2. That it shall and may be lawful for any trustee, committee, guardian, or other person acting in a fiduciary capacity, to invest trust moneys in ground rents, or other real estate, by leave of the proper court, under proceedings as provided in the act to which this is a supplement: *Provided, That* it shall be the opinion of the court, that such investment will be for the advantage of the estate, and no change be made in the course of succession by such change of investment, as regards the heirs or next of kin of the *cestui que trust*. Investment of trust monies. *Proviso.*

SECTION 3. That in all cases wherein any of the courts of this Commonwealth might have authorized any sale or conveyance, or letting on ground rent or otherwise, and such sale, conveyance or letting, may have been made without the leave of such court, it shall be lawful for such court, if approving of such sale or conveyance or letting, to approve, ratify and confirm the same, with the same effect as if such decree had preceded such sale, conveyance or letting. Courts may confirm, sell or conveyance it in certain cases.

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. 355.

## AN ACT

Changing the organization of the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster 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 it shall be the duty of the Governor to fill the vacancy now existing in the office of associate judge of the court of common pleas, of Lancaster county, by appointing thereto a competent person, learned in the law, to continue till the first Monday of December next, and at the next general election the qualified electors of Lancaster county shall elect a competent person, learned in the law, to be an associate judge of said court, who shall hold his office for the term of ten years from the first Monday of December next, if he shall so long behave himself well. Governor to appoint a law judge for the Court of Common pleas of Lancaster county.

President judge to hold courts for trial of civil issues pending.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the president judge or associate judge of the said court, learned in the law, from time to time, as may be found requisite, to hold a court of common pleas for the trial of civil issues pending in said court, although at the same time two of the judges of said court may be holding the usual courts of common pleas, quarter sessions or orphans' courts, according to existing laws, and for the summoning of the proper number of jurors for the trial of such issues, a separate venire facias shall issue to the jurors, to be drawn in the manner now prescribed by law.

Judges to sit jointly on the hearing of all cases.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the two judges of the said court, learned in the law, to sit jointly on the hearing of all cases in equity, arguments in the common pleas and orphans' courts, and on motion in arrest of judgment, and for new trials in criminal cases, but in case of sickness or inability to attend, or with consent of parties, either of them may hear and decide such cases without the presence of the other: *Provided*, That either judge may act on preliminary motions, rules and orders.

Proviso.

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.

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## No. 356.

### A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To an act entitled "An act authorizing the Governor to incorporate the Rock Cabin and Tangascootac Railroad Company," in Centre county, approved the fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and of the several supplements thereto.

Authority to borrow money.

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 company authorized to be created by the act to which this is a supplement, and of the several supplements thereto, in addition to the rights and privileges already conferred, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow for the general purposes of the same, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding eight per centum, and to issue therefor the bonds of said company, in sums not less than one hundred dollars each, which said bonds said company may secure by a mortgage upon the real estate or other property and their corporate franchises, and said bonds may be made convertible into the stock of said company at the option of the holder, but in the event of such conversion the capital stock may be increased to an amount equal to the amount so