

assignments) in the court in which said action may be brought, which recording shall be recited in the præcipe and summons.

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. 316.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Allentown Railroad Company," passed the nineteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

Amendment.

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 so much of the fourth section of the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Allentown railroad company," passed the nineteenth day of April, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, which requires the said railroad to commence at a point on the railroad of the Lehigh Valley railroad company, at the borough of Allentown, be amended so as to read "at the borough of Allentown, or near said borough south thereof."

Provisions of certain acts not to extend to the Allentown railroad.

SECTION 2. That so much of the act, entitled "An act relative to corporations," passed the thirteenth day of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and so much of the act, entitled "An act regulating railroad companies," passed the nineteenth day of February, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, as requires a majority of the directors, and the president, to be citizens residents within this Commonwealth, shall not be held to extend to the Allentown railroad company.

Powers of company.

SECTION 3. That the said the Allentown railroad company, shall have power to purchase or lease, or consolidate with the Lehigh Valley railroad company, chartered by an act approved the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and the Auburn and Port Clinton railroad company, chartered by an act approved March thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four; the said company are hereby authorized to connect with the North Pennsylvania railroad at any point, and on such terms as may be agreed upon by the board of directors of the two companies, and increase the capital stock from time to time, to an amount not exceeding the present capital stock of the three companies united, and as authorized to be consolidated by this act: *Provided*, That before any such purchase, lease or consolidation, the same shall be

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