

resident within the United States, and no other may vote by proxy; and none but a stockholder, being a citizen of the United States, shall be eligible as a director.

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CHAPTER MDCCCVI.

AN ACT TO ERECT THE TOWN OF CHESTER, AND ITS VICINITY, IN THE COUNTY OF DELAWARE, INTO A BOROUGH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas the inhabitants of the town of Chester, and its vicinity, in the county of Delaware, have, by their petition, prayed to be incorporated, and that the said town and vicinity, as hereinafter described, should be erected into a borough:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) 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 town of Chester, with its vicinity, in the county of Delaware, shall be, and the same is hereby erected into a borough, which shall be called the Borough of Chester, the extent of which said borough is and shall be comprised within the following boundaries, that is to say; beginning on the river Delaware, at the mouth of Lemokin run, at low water mark, thence up the said river to the mouth of Ridley creek; thence up the creek to a place where a line, two miles from and parallel with the low water mark in Delaware, will intersect the same, being a corner of the former borough; thence along the said parallel line to Chester creek, another ancient corner of said borough; thence down the said creek to the place where the line between the lands, formerly of David Cowpland and John Salkeld, directly continued, would intersect the same;

thence down the said line to the Delaware, the place of beginning.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the freeholders, and such other of the inhabitants as are to elect members of the general assembly, and shall have resided within the limits of the borough at least for the space of one whole year next preceding any such election as is hereinafter directed, shall have power, on the first Monday in April in every year, to choose, by ballot, at the county court house, from amongst the inhabitants qualified to elect as aforesaid, two fit persons [to be] burgesses, and that the person having the greatest number of votes shall be the chief Burgess; and [also] from amongst the inhabitants qualified to elect as aforesaid, three suitable persons as assistants, for advising and aiding the said burgesses in the execution of the powers and authorities hereby given them; and also to elect a high constable and town clerk, all and every of which persons shall be resident within the said borough of Chester.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sheriff of the county of Delaware, for the time being, shall open and hold the election on the first Monday in April next, and call to his assistance three reputable freeholders of the said borough, who shall take the votes of the electors, and count them off, and publicly declare the names of those chosen to be burgesses and assistants, high constable and town clerk, as aforesaid; and on the first Monday in April, in every year hereafter, the burgesses and assistants shall open and hold the said election, in manner aforesaid.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any of the inhabitants of the borough, qualified as aforesaid, shall be elected to the office of Burgess, and, having notice of his or their election, shall refuse to undertake and execute that office, each person so refusing, shall pay a fine of five pounds; and if any of the inhabitants of the borough, qualified as aforesaid, who shall be elected to any other office, shall refuse to undertake and execute the office to which he shall be chosen, he shall pay a fine of three pounds, for the use of the said corporation, and in any such case, the said acting burgesses shall issue their process, directed to the

high constable, requiring him to hold an election for the choice of some other fit person or persons, in the stead of such [who] shall so refuse.

[Section V.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the chief burgess shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, before one of the justices of the peace for the county of Delaware, to support the constitution of the United States, and of this state, and an oath or affirmation well and truly to execute the office of chief burgess of the borough of Chester, and when so qualified, he shall administer an oath or affirmation to the other burgesses, assistants, high constable and town clerk, in manner and form aforesaid, before they shall enter upon their respective offices.

[Section VI.] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the burgesses and inhabitants aforesaid, and their successors, to have, hold and keep, within the said borough, two markets in each week, to wit, one market on Wednesday and one market on Saturday, in the common market place of the said borough, together with free liberties, customs, profits and emoluments to the said markets belonging; and that there shall be a clerk of the market, who shall and may perform all things belonging to the office of clerk of the market, within the said borough, which said clerk of the market shall be nominated, and from time to time appointed by the burgesses and assistants, or any three of them, the chief burgess being one, and shall be removable by them, as they shall find necessary.

[Section VII.] (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the burgesses and inhabitants aforesaid, to assemble in town meetings, as often as occasion may require, and make such ordinances and rules, and assess such taxes, not repugnant or inconsistent with the laws of this state, as to the majority of the inhabitants assembled as aforesaid shall seem necessary for the good government of the said borough, and the same to revoke, alter and make anew, as convenience may require; which said town meetings shall be assembled by the burgesses aforesaid, at their discretion, who shall require the high constable to give at least five days notice of such intended town

meeting, by advertisements fixed up in at least six of the most public places in the said borough, notifying the time, place and object of such intended town meeting.

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CHAPTER MDCCCVII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR OF THIS COMMONWEALTH TO INCORPORATE A COMPANY FOR ERECTING A BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER DELAWARE, AT THE BOROUGH OF EASTON, IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON.

Whereas it has been represented to the general assembly, by a number of the inhabitants of this commonwealth, that erecting a good and permanent bridge across the river Delaware, at the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton, would greatly contribute to facilitate the intercourse between the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and essentially promote the general interest and trade of both the said states:

Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) 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 Levi Hollingsworth, Jesse Waln, John Nicholson, of Philadelphia, John Arndt, William Henry, John Herster, of the county of Northampton, and James Hyndshaw, Thomas Paul and Thomas Bullman, of the state of New Jersey, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to do and perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, they shall and may, on or before the first day of June next, procure at least three books, and therein enter as follows, "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do promise to pay to the president, managers and company for erecting a bridge over the Delaware, at the borough of Easton, the sum of one hundred dollars for every share of stock in the said company set opposite to our respective names, in such manner and pro-