

CHAPTER MMLII.

AN ACT TO VEST IN THE PRESIDENT, DIRECTORS AND COMPANY, FOR ERECTING A PERMANENT BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER SCHUYLKILL, AT OR NEAR THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, THE RIGHT AND TITLE OF THIS COMMONWEALTH TO THE LOT OR PIECE OF GROUND THEREIN MENTIONED.

[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 all the right and title of this commonwealth of, in and to the lot or piece of ground herein described, beginning on High or Market street, on the west side of Schuylkill Front street; thence extending along the said Front street one hundred feet southward, to a line parallel with High street, at one hundred feet distance therefrom; then westward by the said parallel line, being the northern boundary of a lot granted by patent on the seventeenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and nine, to a certain John Clarke, under an original right of John Pennington, six hundred feet, be the same more or less, and crossing Assheton street, which is excluded from this grant and is to remain open for public use, to low water mark of the river Schuylkill; thence by the said river northward to the line of High street; thence along the said street eastward, crossing Assheton street, to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby, granted for the purpose of accommodating or erecting thereon a permanent bridge over the said river, to the said president, directors and company, for erecting a permanent bridge over the Schuylkill, at or near the city of Philadelphia, and their successors forever.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons, body or bodies politic and corporate, shall claim or allege title to the lot herein granted, the like proceeding shall be had as are di-

rected by the laws of this commonwealth in cases of claims to city lots granted or assigned by the commonwealth, and similar proceedings shall be had for obtaining possession of the said lot by the said president, directors and company, but nothing in this act contained shall operate to give validity to any rights or claims barred by the said acts, or otherwise.

Passed April 4, 1799. Recorded L. B. No. 6, p. 372, etc. See the Act incorporating the company, passed March 16th, 1798, Chapter 1974.

CHAPTER MMLIII.

AN ACT FOR OFFERING COMPENSATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA CLAIMANTS OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE SEVENTEEN TOWNSHIPS, IN THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

[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 Isaac Whelen, of Chester county, Thomas Boude, of Lancaster county, and General William Irwine, of Cumberland county, be, and they are hereby, appointed commissioners, whose duty it shall be carefully to examine and ascertain the quantity, quality and situation of all lands, lying within what have been commonly called and known by the name of the Seventeen Townships, in the county of Luzerne, held or claimed under a Pennsylvania title, under a patent, or a location or warrant, before the decree of Trenton, by which the right of jurisdiction was declared to be in Pennsylvania, on which a survey has been executed, and returned agreeably to law, and to divide the same, according to their value, into four classes, distinguished by the name of the first, second, third and fourth class, the first class to contain the lands of the greatest value, and the second, third and fourth classes those of inferior value, preserving a due proportion between