

## CHAPTER MMCXII.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, AND THEIR SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE, TO RECEIVE FOR A LIMITED TIME, THE TOLL THEREIN MENTIONED FROM TRAVELERS AND OTHERS PASSING OVER THE BRIDGE ERECTED OVER THE LEHIGH, WHERE THE ROAD LEADING FROM EASTON TO PHILADELPHIA CROSSES THE SAME, IN THE COUNTY AFORESAID.

Whereas it has been represented to the legislature, by the petition of Abraham Horn and others, that the said Abraham Horn had, in pursuance of a law passed the fourth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, erected a bridge over the river Lehigh, where the road leading from Easton to Philadelphia crosses the said river, which bridge, when erected, proved insufficient and failed; that the said Abraham Horn had afterwards, at his own expense, erected a bridge over the said river, at the same place where the former one had been, which has been found very beneficial to the interests of the surrounding country, and of great utility to the public at large. And whereas it is represented that the said Abraham Horn has expended two thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents, in erecting two permanent pillars to support the bridge, over and above the other expenses of building the same, that for the purposes of being reimbursed the sum of money so by him expended as aforesaid, and for keeping the said bridge in necessary and proper repair. 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 with the consent and approbation of the court of quarter sessions of the county of Northampton, it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of the said county, and their successors in office, for the time hereinafter limited, to demand and receive toll from travelers and others passing over a bridge erected over the river Lehigh, where the

road leading from Easton to Philadelphia crosses the said river, in the county of Northampton, according to the following rates, viz: For every coach, landau, chariot, phaeton, or other pleasurable carriage with four wheels drawn by four horses, the sum of forty cents, and for the said carriages with two horses, the sum of thirty-three cents; for every loaded wagon with four horses or more, the sum of forty cents, and for the same when empty, the sum of twenty-five cents; for a loaded wagon with two horses, thirty-one cents, and for the same when empty, twenty cents; for every chaise, riding chair, cart, or other two-wheeled carriage with two horses, the sum of twenty-five cents, for the same with one horse, the sum of twelve and an half cents; every sleigh or sled with four horses, the sum of twenty-five cents, and for the same with two horses twelve and an half cents, and for the same with one horse, the sum of six cents; for a single horse and rider, the sum of five cents; and for every led horse or mule, the sum of four cents; for every foot passenger, the sum of one cent; for every head of horn cattle, the sum of three cents; for every sheep or swine, the sum of one cent. Provided always, nevertheless, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prevent the said commissioners from contracting with any person or person desirous of using the said bridge for an annual sum, in lieu of the toll hereinbefore mentioned.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the said commissioners, or their successors in office, or any person or persons by them authorized, shall demand or receive any greater rates or prices for passage over the same than are hereinbefore specified, or shall demand and receive any rate or price for the same, after it shall be declared a free bridge in manner hereinafter directed, or shall neglect to keep the said bridge in good repair, during the time for which toll is to be paid for passing over the same, he, she or they so offending shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace, one moiety thereof to go to the overseers of the poor of the proper township, the other moiety to him who shall sue for and recover the same.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners, or their successors in office, shall, yearly and every year, exhibit and lay before the grand jury and the court of quarter session of the county of Northampton, a fair statement and account of the moneys received as toll for passing the said bridge, together with the expenses for repairs and attendance in receiving and collecting the same, which, when allowed and approved of by the court and jury aforesaid, the remainder thereof, after deducting the expenses of repairs and attendance, shall be paid to the said Abraham Horn, his heirs and assigns, and shall go toward extinguishing the sum of two thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents, by the said Abraham Horn expended in building the said bridge, with the interest that may have accrued on the same, until the whole sum of two thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents, together with the interest thereof, be fully paid and discharged, and also the moneys that were collected and paid by private subscribers for completing the said bridge.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners of the county of Northampton, at any time hereafter, with the consent of the court and grand jury, to declare the said bridge free from all toll whatsoever, on their first paying to the said Abraham Horn, his heirs or assigns, the said sum of two thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents, with the interest that may have accrued on the same, or the balance that may be due of the same sum, and on their satisfying the private subscribers for their several and respective contributions or demands.

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