

and affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a free and independent state, and that I will not at any time wilfully and knowingly do any act, matter or thing which will be prejudicial or injurious to the freedom or independence thereof.

[Section II.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every persons and person within the description in the said recited act contained who have not taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation therein specified and who shall at any time hereafter take and subscribe the oath or affirmation herein above specified in the manner that the said first mentioned oath or affirmation is directed to be taken and subscribed by the said act be and they are hereby declared to be free citizens of this commonwealth and entitled to all and every the rights and privileges which any citizens by the constitution and laws of this state is entitled unto, any former law or rules of this commonwealth to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the justices of the peace who shall administer the oath or affirmation hereby prescribed shall grant certificates in the same form and keep registers and transmit the same to the recorder of deeds for the proper county and he shall record the same in the same manner and for the same fees as by the said recited act is directed.

Passed March 29, 1789. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 233, etc. The Act in the text was repealed by the Act of Assembly passed March 13, 1789, Chapter 1396.

CHAPTER MCCXCV.

AN ACT FOR OPENING AND ESTABLISHING A ROAD BETWEEN THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE FRANKSTOWN BRANCH OF THE RIVER JUNIATA AND THE RIVER CONEMAUGH.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas an easy communication with the western country of this state presents objects of great importance, a readier and cheaper means of conveying the products

of that country to a market and the promoting a more extensive traffic:

And whereas such easy communication will be best made by a road connecting the head waters of the Juniata and Conemaugh rivers.

[Section I.] (Section II. P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That the president or in his absence the vice-president in council may and shall nominate and appoint three commissioners, one whereof to be practically acquainted with the art of surveying, to lay out a state highway between the waters of the Frankstown branch of the rivers Juniata and the river Conemaugh from or near the points on said river where they begin to be navigable, and the said commissioners shall proceed to perform the said services at such time and in such manner as the president, or in his absence the vice-president in council shall direct, and the said commissioners shall report their proceedings therein to the president or vice-president in council who thereupon may, if they see fit, establish the same or otherwise may direct a review thereof in the whole or in part and finally determine on the same and the said highway when it shall be so established shall be to all intents and purposes the state highway between the Frankstown branch or the river Juniata and the river Conemaugh aforesaid and the courses and distances shall be entered in the council books, which entry shall be deemed a record thereof.

(Section III. P. L.) And whereas the river Conemaugh is at different seasons of the year navigable downwards from different points of the same.

[Section II.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners having marked out the road proposed by this act to be opened shall proceed to trace the courses of another road to begin from the terminating spot of the first road and lead along the left shore of the Conemaugh to that point where the river begins to be navigable at all seasons, the said road to be hereafter opened as the occasion may require and then deemed also a public highway.

[Section III.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners respectively shall be entitled to receive at the rate of fifteen shillings per day for each day they shall be employed in the service aforesaid exclusive of reasonable allowances to chain carriers and guides.

[Section IV.] (Section V. P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Frankstown branch of the Juniata and the Conemaugh, together with the Kiskiminetas, throughout their whole navigable course shall be deemed and declared public highways.

[Section V.] (Section VI. P. L.) And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of five hundred pounds of moneys not already appropriated shall be and the same is hereby appropriated to the purposes of this act and the president or vice-president in council are hereby authorized to draw upon the treasury of this commonwealth for the same for the purposes aforesaid.

Passed March 29, 1787. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 234, etc. See the Act of Assembly passed April 11, 1799. Chapter 2084.

CHAPTER MCCXCVI.

AN ACT FOR THE GRANTING TWO HUNDRED POUNDS OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED MONEYS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR MENDING AND REPAIRING THE ROAD FROM HAMBURG ON THE SCHUYLKILL TO THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY LINE BY CONRAD MINICK'S SAW-MILL.

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas it appears to the house of assembly from the report of a committee of the same, that the road leading from the village of Hamburg in the county of Berks to the Northumberland county line by the saw-mill of Conrad Minick is rendered impassable for wagons by the damage done the same by the flood in Schuylkill in the fall of last year, and that the country through which the said road passes is very bar-