

CHAPTER MCCCXXXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR RAISING BY WAY OF LOTTERY THE SUM OF FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR IMPROVING THE PUBLIC ROADS LEADING FROM THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA TO THE WESTERN PARTS OF THIS STATE AND TOWARDS THE IMPROVING THE NAVIGATION OF THE RIVER SCHUYLKILL."

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the net produce of the lottery directed to be drawn by an act of general assembly of this commonwealth passed on the fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four doth not amount to a sum sufficient to answer very extensively the good purposes intended thereby, so that it is conceived by this house that the conduct of the business in the hands of commissioners would create an unnecessary expense and it is considered that the moneys will be more economically expended if the supreme executive council shall be invested with a power to direct the mode of applying the said moneys by contract or otherwise as they shall deem proper:

And whereas the moneys so to be raised by the lottery before mentioned were directed by the said recited act to be appropriated agreeably to the laws then existing or which might thereafter be enacted for that purpose and it is thought most conducive to the end [proposed] that the application should be made to such parts of the roads and river as can be effectually benefited by the sum now raised, leaving the further improvement thereof to future exertions.

[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 supreme executive council of this state be and they are hereby vested with full powers and authorities to direct the application of the produce of the lottery aforesaid in manner following, that is to say, one full and equal moiety or half part thereof heretofore appropriated to the repairing the western roads shall be expended

and laid out on the road leading from the middle bridge on Schuylkill to Lancaster, beginning at the western side of the said river and extending so far as can with the sum hereby allotted therefor be effectually repaired and rendered permanently passable, but if the said sum shall not be sufficient in the opinion of the said council according to the best information they can obtain to extend to the repairs of a certain part of the said road called Jones' lane, which has heretofore been in the winter season for the most part impassable, then and in such case the said council shall and they are hereby directed to cause that part of the said road to be in the first instance effectually repaired and amended and if it shall be thought proper, altered so as to be rendered shorter and to run over better ground, and apply the residue of the said moiety so far as the same will go in manner hereinbefore directed, And the said supreme executive council are hereby farther authorized and empowered to direct the other moiety or half part of the said moneys to be applied by contract or otherwise to the improving the navigation of the river Schuylkill in such way and manner as to them shall seem expedient, having regard to the principles on which the application of the other moiety is directed to be made so that what shall be laid out shall effectually improve the part to which it is applied, lest by extending the object too far the design may be defeated. And the said supreme executive council are hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders on the state treasurer to whom the managers of the said lottery are hereby directed to pay over the sum produced by the same for such sums not exceeding the amount of the sum so produced as the said supreme executive council shall from time to time deem necessary.

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