

sum of one penny for every bushel so measured and the determination of the said measurer in the premises shall be final between the parties.

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CHAPTER MCCCXLII.

AN ACT FOR OPENING AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN ROADS IN THE COUNTIES OF NORTHAMPTON AND LUZERNE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas the opening of roads through the unsettled parts of this state will greatly promote its settlement and population and increase its domestic and foreign commerce, its manufactures and agriculture, and divers persons citizens of this state have already subscribed considerable sums of money and divers other persons are disposed to subscribe further sums for the purpose of opening roads from Pocona Point in the county of Northampton to a place known by the name of Mount Ararat and thence to the New York line at the intended carrying place between the rivers Susquehanna and Delaware, as also from the said Mount Ararat to the most proper place at or near the mouth of the river Tioga.

And whereas the said roads will conduce to the immediate settlement of an extensive tract of country, will promote both the export and Indian trade of this state and by communication with other roads already begun will render Pennsylvania the most eligible route for the emigrants from the northern and eastern parts of the United States:

And whereas it is just and proper that such important efforts of private citizens of this commonwealth and which tend to increase the general wealth and power of the state should be patronized and assisted by the legislature thereof:

[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 roads aforesaid shall be laid out and opened as nearly as conveniently may be in the following directions, that is to say, one of the said roads shall begin at or near to Pocona Point in the county of Northampton and shall run from thence as shall appear most proper in the opinion of the commissioners to be appointed as herein after mentioned, to or near to a place in the said county, known by the name of Mount Ararat, another of the said roads shall be run from and at the termination of the road aforesaid at or near Mount Ararat to such a point in the line dividing the state of New York from this state, and lying between the rivers Susquehanna and Delaware, as shall be deemed most proper by the said commisioners and the last of the said three roads shall run from (or as near as may be from) the said Mount Ararat to the most proper place in the opinion of the said commissioners at or near the mouth of the river Tioga and each of the said roads shall be laid out sixty-feet wide.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supreme executive council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint five commissioners for the purposes aforesaid and the said commissioners or any two of them are hereby authorized and directed to lay out and open or cause to be laid out and opened the said roads and highways throughout their several main courses aforesaid, in such manner and in such directions (having regard to the face and nature of the country) as they shall deem proper, and they shall proceed to perform the said services at such time and in such manner as to them may appear most convenient and practicable, and the said commissioners shall report their proceedings in the premises together with an exact account of their expenditures to the president or vice-president in council, who are hereby authorized and empowered to establish the said roads as reported and the said roads or highways when they shall be so established shall be to all intents and purposes public state highways and the courses and distances shall be

entered in the council books, which entry shall be deemed a record thereof.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of one thousand pounds of money 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 on the treasurer of this state for the same in favor of the said commissioners for the purpose aforesaid.

[Section IV.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That each of the said commissioners shall if required by the president or vice-president in council give security before the issuing of any such draft or order on the treasury to and for the faithful discharge of his trust.

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CHAPTER MCCCXLIII.

AN ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED POUNDS FOR THE RELIEF OF JAMES McMANAS.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas it hath been represented to this house by the petition of James McManas and by other testimony it doth appear, that while employed in the service of this state as a laborer in running the northern boundary line thereof said James McManas did receive such wounds and bruises by the falling of a tree in a storm on said James McManas that he is thereby rendered totally incapable of ever supporting himself by labor, and it being consistent with the principles of humanity and justice that some provision be made for his present support.

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Therefore be it 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