

laws or journals of this commonwealth, as are hereby amended, altered or supplied, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

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### CHAPTER MMCCXCVIII.

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AN ACT FOR LAYING OUT, MAKING AND KEEPING IN REPAIR, THE PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH, AND FOR LAYING OUT PRIVATE ROADS.

Whereas, the existing road law, which was passed the twenty-first day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two,<sup>(1)</sup> directs that the road tax shall be levied on the clear yearly value of the property thereby made taxable, according to the estimate thereof made for the last county tax, assessed and levied in pursuance of an act for raising county rates and levies, passed the twentieth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-four and twenty-five.<sup>(2)</sup> And whereas the act for raising county rates and levies, passed on the eleventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine,<sup>(3)</sup> establishes a mode of assessing county rates and levies different from that of the act last aforesaid, by which means it hath happened that supervisors cannot lawfully assess and collect taxes adequate to laying out, improving and repairing the public roads or highways: Wherefore,

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 the justices of the court of quarter sessions of each county within this commonwealth, on being petitioned to grant a view for a public or private road, shall have power, and by virtue of this act are directed and required, as often as they find it needful, in open court, to order and appoint six discreet and reputable freeholders, of

the inhabitants near where complaint is made for want of a private or public road or highway; and it shall be the duty of the freeholders so appointed, to view the ground proposed for the said road, and if they, or any five of them, view the said ground, and any four of the actual viewers agree that there is occasion for such road, they shall proceed to lay out the same, as agreeable to the desire of the petitioners as may be, having respect to the best ground for a road, and the shortest distance, in such a manner as to do the least injury to private property; and shall make a report thereof, stating particularly whether they judge the same necessary for a public or private road, together with a plot or draft thereof, and the courses and distances, and references to the improvements through which it may pass, to the next court of quarter sessions, and if then and there the justices of the said court shall approve of the same, it shall, at the court next after that to which the report is made, be entered on record, and thenceforth shall be taken, deemed and allowed, as the case may be, to be a lawful private or public road or highway; the court shall direct of what breadth the ground shall be opened, which shall not in any case exceed fifty feet.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the citizens qualified to vote for members of the general assembly, shall on the third Saturday of the month of March next, within their respective townships, and annually thereafter, elect by ballot, two freeholders or other inhabitants, qualified as aforesaid, who shall be supervisors of the public roads or highways for the ensuing year; and it shall be the duty of the supervisors then in office, in a summary way, before a justice of the peace, under the penalty of ten dollars, to be recovered for every neglect or refusal, ten days previous to the third Saturday in March, yearly and every year, to cause written or printed notices to be set up in at least five of the most public places within their respective townships, mentioning the time when and place where the said election is to be held, which shall be opened between the hours of one and three o'clock in the afternoon, and kept open until six o'clock of the same day, except in the township of the

Northern Liberties, where the same shall be kept open until eight o'clock in the evening; and two reputable citizens of the township shall be chosen for judges of the said election; who shall choose a clerk to assist them in recording and casting up the votes; the judges shall declare the two highest in votes to be duly elected, and a certificate of the election, signed by the judges, shall by them be forthwith delivered to the supervisors then in office, whose duty it shall be to deliver the said certificate into the office of the clerk of the court of quarter sessions, on or before the twenty-fifth day of March, annually, and to inform the supervisors so chosen of their having been elected and returned, who shall be the supervisors for the ensuing year; and if any supervisor or supervisors so elected, or who shall be appointed as hereinafter directed, being duly notified of his election or appointment as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to take upon him or themselves the said office, for every such neglect or refusal, he or they so neglecting or refusing, shall forfeit and pay any sum, at the discretion of the court, not exceeding fifty dollars, to be applied towards repairing the public roads or highways within the township in which such supervisor resides.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any supervisor or supervisors of the public roads and highways, so as aforesaid chosen, shall refuse, neglect, die, or remove out of the township, where any township shall have no supervisor residing therein, it shall be the duty of the justices of the court of general quarter sessions, to appoint a successor or successors to supply the vacancy or vacancies, and such supervisor or supervisors so appointed, shall have and exercise the same powers and authorities, and be liable to the same penalties as the supervisors elected in pursuance of this act.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at the election for choosing supervisors for each township respectively, the electors shall, and are hereby enjoined and required to elect by ballot, four capable and discreet freeholders or inhabitants, qualified to elect as aforesaid, whose duty it shall be to settle and adjust

the accounts of the supervisor or supervisors whose time of holding the office is then about to expire, and the person or persons who have served the office of supervisor or supervisors the preceding year, shall on the twenty-fifth day of March yearly, or within ten days thereafter, produce fair and clear accounts of all such sums of money by him or them expended on the highways, and of all sums of money by him or them received by virtue of any assessment or otherwise, and of all fines and penalties due from themselves and others, which have come into his or their hands, which accounts shall be entered in a book provided for that purpose, and attested by him or them, on oath or affirmation, before a justice of the peace, if the freeholders, or any two of them, shall require the same; and the said freeholders or inhabitants, so chosen to settle the accounts aforesaid, or any three of them, shall have full power to adjust and settle such accounts so produced to them as aforesaid, and to allow such sums and charges as they think reasonable; and if there shall appear to be any money remaining in the hands of the person or persons who have served as supervisor or supervisors as aforesaid, they shall, by order in writing, signed by them, or any three of them, direct the same to be paid to the succeeding supervisor or supervisors; but in case such persons who shall have served as supervisor or supervisors shall be found to be in advance for moneys expended on the public roads, and shall have carefully collected the sums of money assessed and imposed by virtue of this act, then the said freeholders or inhabitants so chosen to settle the accounts as aforesaid, or any three of them, shall in like manner order the succeeding supervisor or supervisors to reimburse the same, as soon as a sufficient sum of money shall come into their hands; and if any person or persons who shall have served in the office of supervisor shall neglect or refuse to make up and produce fair and just accounts as aforesaid, or having made up and produced such accounts, shall neglect or refuse forthwith to pay the moneys which he or they shall have been ordered to pay as aforesaid, or shall not give up the books wherein an account of such moneys have been entered, to their successors, it shall be the

duty of any justice of the peace, on complaint to him made by the said freeholders or inhabitants so chosen to settle the accounts aforesaid, or by any three of them, to commit such delinquent or delinquents to the county jail until he or they shall comply as aforesaid, or be otherwise legally discharged.

Section V. (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the supervisors of public roads and highways of the respective townships in this commonwealth, to assess and levy a tax on all property, real and personal, and on all such professions, trades and occupations as are made taxable by the "Act for assessing county rates and levies," passed April the eleventh, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine<sup>(3)</sup>, not exceeding half a cent in the dollar, on the real value of all such property, real and personal, and the estimation of the annual profits of all trades, professions and occupations made taxable by the aforesaid act; and in assessing and levying the aforesaid tax, the supervisors shall take to their assistance the township assessor for the time being, whose duty it shall be to furnish a correct copy of the last valuation of property in said township, and to give his assistance in making the said assessment; and the amount of taxable property, trades, possessions and occupations, shall be taken from the last return of taxable property made in the township for the last county tax, and apportionment on the inhabitants in proportion to the last corrected apportionment of the county taxes, put into the hands of the township collectors; and if any land or other property which might have been overlooked by, or concealed from the township assessor, in taking the return of taxable property for the assessment of county taxes, come to the knowledge of the supervisors, it shall be their duty, with the assistance of the township assessor, to tax the said property, whether real or personal, agreeable to a reasonable valuation; and it shall be the duty of the supervisors, either by themselves or by a proper person duly authorized by them, to collect the said tax, and in so doing, to call for it at the usual residence or place of abode of the inhabitants, if it is not otherwise paid; and if a collector is appointed, the supervisors shall be accountable for

the faithful collection of the tax. Provided always, that it shall be the duty of the said supervisors first to call upon the inhabitants of their respective townships, by advertisement or otherwise, who are taxed as aforesaid, to attend at such times and places as they may direct, so as to give the said taxable inhabitants a full opportunity to work out their respective taxes, but upon their neglect or refusal so to do, then the said supervisors to proceed to collect the taxes as is otherwise directed by this act.

Section VI. (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person so taxed, shall refuse or neglect to pay the same within twenty days after being called upon therefor, it shall be the duty of the supervisor or supervisors, to obtain a warrant from any justice of the peace of the county (who is hereby authorized and required to grant such warrant) and to levy upon the goods and chattels of the person or persons so refusing; and in case such person shall not within ten days after such levy is made, pay the sum or sums on him or her assessed, together with the charges of making such levy, that then the said supervisor or supervisors may proceed to sell the goods so levied on, and out of the moneys arising from such sale, to pay the tax and all costs accruing, rendering to the owner the overplus, if any shall remain. Provided nevertheless, that if any person or persons shall find him, her or themselves aggrieved with such assessment, it shall be lawful for the justices, at the court of quarter sessions next after such levy being made, upon the petition of the party aggrieved, to take such order thereon, as to them shall be thought expedient, and the same shall conclude and bind all parties; and the supervisor or supervisors, in case of such appeal, shall forbear to make sale of the property so as aforesaid levied on, until the said appeal be determined in the court of quarter sessions.

Section VII. (Section VII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the proportion of tax assessed on unseated lands in any township, or any part of it, is not paid to the supervisors, by or for the owners of said lands, within six days after the supervisors have

proceeded to collect the tax from the inhabitants, it shall be the duty of the supervisors to make out a fair transcript of the amount of the tax remaining unpaid and due on the several tracts of unseated lands within their respective townships, to which transcript the supervisors shall sign their names, and they shall deliver the same to the commissioners of the county, and on the receipt of the said transcript, the county commissioners shall give unto the supervisors an order on the county treasurer for the amount of the taxes remaining due on the unseated lands in their township, which order shall be paid out of the county taxes forthwith; and the county commissioners aforesaid are hereby directed and required, on the receipt of the transcript aforesaid, to proceed to recover the taxes due on unseated lands for public roads and highways, in the same manner, and with the same authority as the county taxes are or shall be by law directed to be recovered, and shall cause the proceeds of the same to be paid to the county treasurer, to reimburse the money paid to the supervisors of the roads and highways.

Section VIII. (Section VIII.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the tenant or tenants, or other persons residing on lands owned by persons not residing in the township, his, her or their goods, shall be liable to be levied on in manner aforesaid, for the payment of said taxes; and where any tenant or tenants shall have taken, or hereafter may take a lease of lands or tenements for one or more years, and of which the tenant shall be in possession at the time of assessing or levying the tax for public roads and highways, and shall pay the rate hereby imposed on the said lands or tenements so leased, in such case it shall be lawful for the tenant or tenants to deduct the tax out of the rent due, or to become due, or to recover the same from the owner or owners, by action of debt, with costs of suit. Provided however, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to impair or make void any contract between landlord and tenant, respecting the payment of the road tax.

Section IX. (Section IX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supervisors of the

public roads or highways of the several townships within this commonwealth, shall have power, and they are hereby enjoined and required to hire and employ a sufficient number of hands to make, open and repair all the public roads within their respective townships, which by the court of quarter sessions of the proper county, have been, or hereafter shall be declared public roads or highways, and to purchase wood and all other materials necessary for that purpose, to oversee and direct the laborers, and to take care that the said roads be forthwith effectually opened, cleared and amended.

Section X. (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the supervisors aforesaid, or for any other person by order and direction of the supervisor or supervisors, to enter on any lands adjoining or lying near to the public roads and highways within their respective townships, and to cut or open such drains or ditches through the same, as he or they shall judge necessary to carry off and drain the water from such roads, provided the same be done with as little injury as may be to the owner of such lands; which drains or ditches shall be kept open by the supervisors, if necessary, for amending the said road, and shall not be stopped or injured by the owner of the land, or by any other person or persons, under the penalty of any sum not exceeding twenty nor less than four dollars, for every such offence, to be recovered on conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace of the proper county, with costs of suit.

Section XI. (Section XI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supervisors shall have full power and authority to enter upon any grounds adjoining or lying near the said public road or highway so to be opened, made or repaired within their respective townships, and to dig or cause to be dug, any gravel, sand or stones, or to gather any loose stones lying on the said lands, as he or they shall think necessary for the purposes aforesaid, provided that the same be done with as little damage as may be to the owners of such lands, and the said materials to carry off without let, hindrance or control of the owners,



he or they, the said supervisor or supervisors, paying or tendering to the owner or owners so much money as they shall agree upon, for the same; and if the supervisor or supervisors and the owners cannot agree on the price of the materials so wanted for making or repairing the roads as aforesaid, then and in every such case, so much money shall be paid by the said supervisors respectively, as any three freeholders of the township where such public road or highway doth lie, to be chosen by the parties, shall, or any two of them, estimate and adjudge to be the value of the materials so wanted for repairing the said roads in the respective townships aforesaid.

Section XII. (Section XII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every supervisor or supervisors of the highways, who shall refuse or neglect to do and perform his or their duty, as directed by this act (and for which penalties are not otherwise herein provided) shall be fined in any sum not less than four dollars, nor exceeding fifty dollars, to be recovered in a summary way, before any justice of the peace of the county, to be applied towards repairing the public roads and highways within the respective townships where such fines and penalties are incurred. Provided however, that if any supervisor or supervisors shall conceive himself or themselves aggrieved by the judgment of a justice of the peace, he or they may appeal, by petition, to the next court of quarter sessions, who shall take such order thereon, as to them shall appear just and reasonable, and the same shall be conclusive.

Section XIII. (Section XIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person working on any road or highway, or being with him, shall ask money or reward, or shall by any means whatsoever, extort or endeavor to extort any money or other thing, of or from any person traveling upon any public road or highway, he shall for every such offence pay to the supervisor or supervisors of the said township, the sum of one dollar, to be recovered by the supervisors, or either of them, in a summary way, before any justice of the peace of the respective county, to be ap-

plied to the repair of the roads; and in case any supervisor shall connive at any person so asking, demanding or contriving so to extort from travelers as aforesaid, or shall himself extort or endeavor to extort money, drink, or other thing from travelers or any traveler as aforesaid, every such supervisor shall pay for every such offence, the sum of five dollars, to be recovered by any person who shall sue for the same, with costs of suit, the one half to the use of the prosecutor, and the other half to and for the repair of the roads within such township.

Section XIV. (Section XIV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if a public road or highway shall be carried through any land whereby the owner shall receive damage, the person who sustains such damage, may within one year, but not afterwards, make a representation, by petition, of the damage he has sustained, to the court of quarter sessions, and the said court shall appoint six disinterested men to view and adjudge the amount of the damage (if any) sustained, and the said amount shall be paid, after being approved of by the court by the treasurers of the respective counties out of the county stock. Provided always, that it shall be the duty of the viewers, in assessing damages, to take into consideration the advantages derived from such said road passing through the land of the complainant.

Section XV. (Section XV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall stop or obstruct any of the public roads or highways laid out agreeably to law, or shall commit any nuisance thereon, by felling trees, making fences, or by turning the road, or by any other way whereby the road or highway may suffer damage, and do not, on notice given by the supervisor of the proper township, remove the nuisance or repair the damage forthwith, such person or persons shall for every such offence, be fined in a sum not exceeding forty dollars, nor less than ten dollars, as the case may require, to be recovered before one of the nearest justices of the peace of the proper county, and to be applied to the removing of the said nui-

sances, or repairing the injury or damage which the road or highway may have so sustained, and the surplus (if any) to be applied to the repair of the roads in the respective townships. Provided always, that the same appeal shall be allowed to any person or persons fined as aforesaid, as is provided by the twelfth section of this act.

Section XVI. (Section XVI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in cases where any road has been laid on the line which divides two townships, or may hereafter be so laid, the said road shall be made, amended or repaired, as the case may require, at the joint expense of both of the townships on whose division line the road is laid; and in case the supervisor or supervisors of one of the said townships shall neglect or refuse to join with and assist the supervisor or supervisors of the other township, in opening, amending or repairing any such road, such supervisor or supervisors so neglecting or refusing, shall be liable to the same penalties as if he or they had neglected or refused to open, amend or repair any public road or highway within his or their respective township, and the supervisor or supervisors of the other township, is hereby directed and required to open, amend and repair the said road, and to charge the aforesaid supervisor or supervisors so refusing and neglecting, with one half of the monies expended on such road, and to recover the same by action of debt, to be brought against such supervisor or supervisors so neglecting.

Section XVII. (Section XVII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon application, by petition, of any person or persons, to the court of quarter sessions, for a road from the plantation or dwelling house of such person or persons, to or from the public highway, or to any place of necessary public resort, the aforesaid justices shall, in open court, and not otherwise, order and direct a view of the place where the road is requested to be laid out, and a return thereof to be made in the same manner as is before directed in this act; and if such road is found to be necessary, the said justices of the court of quarter sessions

shall further order and direct of what breadth the said road shall be, so as the same shall not exceed twenty-five feet, and such road shall be recorded by the court. Provided however, that the said road shall be opened and kept in repair by and at the expense of the person or persons at whose request the same was granted and laid out, and of such as have occasion to travel to and from their dwelling houses on the said road; and if it shall happen that such road shall be carried through any man's ground, the damaged sustained thereby by the owner or owners, shall be valued in the manner before directed in this act, and paid for by the person or persons at whose request the road was granted and laid out, and of those who use the same as a common road to and from their own dwellings.

Section XVIII. (Section XVIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the owners of the improved land through which any such private road is laid out, or the owners of other land through which it is carried, are desirous to hang a swinging gate or gates upon such roads as are only granted for the use of one or more private families, it shall and may be lawful for the aforesaid court, on application, by petition to them made, to appoint six persons, in the manner hereinbefore directed for laying out roads, to enquire and judge whether such gate or gates may without much inconveniency to the persons for whose use the road was granted, be hung on the same, and if the persons appointed to view the place, or any four of them, shall certify to the justices of the court aforesaid, that a gate or gates may be hung according to the prayer of the party, without much inconveniency to the person or persons using the road, the justices shall order that a gate or gates may be hung thereon accordingly, and that the same shall be made and kept in repair by the owner of the said land, and made easy for the passage of persons using the said road.

Section XIX. (Section XIX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the several courts of quarter sessions, in their respective counties, shall have

authority, upon application, by petition to them made, to enquire of and to vacate any private or public road or highway, or any part of such road or highway which they shall judge to be useless, inconvenient and burdensome, and the said court shall proceed therein by views thereof, in like manner as they are authorized to do, and as is usually practiced in laying out of public roads and highways; and the judgment of the court of quarter sessions shall be effectual and conclusive in the premises, if the same be not appealed from within six months from and after the giving of such judgment; the application aforesaid shall be made in writing, signed by the persons applying, and shall set forth in a clear and intelligible manner, the length, breadth, situation, and other circumstances of such road or highway, or of the part thereof which those applying desire to have laid aside and vacated as aforesaid, and such application shall be audibly read twice in open sessions, on the different days of the sessions whereat it was made; and no other or further proceeding shall be had thereon, but the same shall be adjourned till the next court of quarter sessions, when the same shall again be openly and audibly read twice, on several days, before the court proceed thereon. Provided always, that nothing in this act shall be understood to give authority to any of the said courts of quarter sessions, or to the supreme court, to vacate any lane, street or highway within the city of Philadelphia, or within any borough, town plot, or any town or village in this state, which hath been laid out by the late proprietaries, or by any other person or persons, and dedicated to public use; nor to vacate any cartway laid out by order of court; nor any road or passage claimed by any person as his or her private right, and which cartway, roadway or passage, is not repairable at the charge of the township or district; nor to rivers or streams of water.

Section XX. (Section XX, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the supervisors, and they are hereby enjoined and required, in making and repairing the public roads or highways, to make and maintain sufficient causeways, of stone, or timber,

on marshy or swampy grounds, and also make and maintain sufficient bridges over all small creeks and rivulets and deep gullies, where the same shall be necessary for the ease and safety of travelers; and where a small creek, over which a bridge may be necessary, happens to be a boundary or division line of two townships, the bridge shall be built and maintained by the supervisors of both townships respectively, at the equal expense of the said townships, in the same manner as is directed by this act with respect to the making and repairing of public roads and highways which may be the division line of townships.

Section XXI. (Section XXI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That where a river, creek or rivulet, over which it is necessary to erect a bridge, crosses a public road or highway, and the erecting of such bridge requires more expense than it is reasonable that one township, or two adjoining townships should bear, it shall be the duty of the justices of the court of quarter sessions, and they are hereby enjoined and required, on the representation of the supervisor or supervisors, or on the petition and at the request of a number of the inhabitants of the respective townships, to order a view, in the same manner as in the case of laying out roads and highways; and if on the report of the said view, it appears to the court, grand jury, and commissioners, that such a bridge is necessary, and would be too expensive for the township or townships to erect, it shall be entered on record, and it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the county to procure an estimate, as nearly as may be, of the money which will be necessary to erect such bridge, and the commissioners of the county shall provide the same out of the county taxes, and proceed forthwith to have such bridge erected, by contract or otherwise, as shall seem to them most expedient; and such bridge, when so erected, shall be inspected by six fit persons, appointed by the justices of the court of quarter sessions, agreeably to whose report it shall be approved or disapproved by the court, and if approved, the money shall be paid agreeably to contract,

or damages in favor of the county awarded, according to the judgment of the court.

Section XXII. (Section XXII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in all cases wherein the court of quarter sessions is authorized to grant a view for the purpose of laying out or vacating roads, or respecting bridges, the justices of the court of quarter sessions are hereby authorized and directed, on application to them made for that purpose, to grant a review of the same, at the expense of the parties applying. Provided, that application is made therefor at the next court of quarter sessions after report has been made on the first view.

Section XXIII. (Section XXIII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the township assessor shall receive from the supervisors, any sum not exceeding one dollar, for every day he shall be necessarily employed in assessing the tax directed by this act, and that the supervisors shall be allowed in the settlement of their accounts, any sum not exceeding one dollar respectively, for every day they shall be necessarily employed in discharging the duties of their office, except for collecting the road tax, for which they shall be allowed the amount of five cents out of every dollar they shall collect or cause to be collected, and no more; and the freeholders or other inhabitants who shall be directed to view public roads or highways, shall each of them, for every day they are necessarily employed in that service, receive from the county treasurer one dollar, on producing a certificate from the clerk of the court of quarter sessions, that such service was performed by them; the surveyor shall be found and paid by the persons applying for the view; and the expence of views of private roads, and of reviews of private or public roads, shall be wholly paid by the parties applying for the same.

Section XXIV. (Section XXIV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the supervisors within the respective townships, shall cause posts to be erected, where trees are not convenient, at the intersection of all public roads, with boards and an index hand pointing

to the direction of such road, on both sides whereof shall be inscribed, in legible characters, the name of the town, village or place to which such road leads, and the distance thereof in computed miles; and any person or persons who shall wilfully injure, deface or destroy any such posts or index boards, the person or persons so offending shall, on conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace of the proper county, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding ten dollars, one half thereof to be paid to the informer or informers, and the other half to the supervisor of the respective townships wherein the offence shall be committed, to be appropriated to the repairs of the roads of such townships.

Section XXV. Section XXV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all laws heretofore enacted for the laying out, opening, making, amending or repairing of public or private roads or highways, or for the making and repairing of bridges, other than turnpike roads and streets, roads, lanes, alleys and bridges, in the city of Philadelphia and other corporate towns, are hereby repealed and made void. Provided always, that nothing herein contained, shall be so construed as to interfere with any special provisions heretofore made by law, respecting the county of Philadelphia.

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## CHAPTER MMCCXCIX.

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### AN ACT TO MAINTAIN THE TERRITORIAL RIGHTS OF THIS STATE, AND PROTECT THE PROPERTY OF PERSONS HOLDING LANDS UNDER THE SAME.

Whereas, certain persons under the pretence of title derived either from the state of Connecticut, or from certain companies known by the names of the Connecticut Susquehanna company, and the Connecticut Delaware company, to a considerable extent of territory within this state, have by