

the annual sum allowed them by this act,) may be in the opinion of the commissioners a reasonable compensation for their services during the time they are employed in erecting the buildings aforesaid.⁽²⁾

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Note (*) Chapter 2398. 17 Statutes at Large, p. 498.

Note (*) For Supplement to the act in the text, see Chapter 2744; infra this volume, p. 333.

CHAPTER MMDCLXIX.

AN ACT GRANTING A SUM OF MONEY TO THE MEADVILLE SEMINARY,
IN THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD.

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 sum of one thousand dollars, be, and the same hereby is granted out of any money not heretofore appropriated, which may be in the treasury of this commonwealth, to the trustees of the Meadville Seminary of learning, to be paid on a warrant drawn by the governor for that purpose, to be appropriated in such judicious manner as they shall think most advantageous to promote the prosperity of the said seminary.

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CHAPTER MMDCLXX.

AN ACT IN AID OF THE COMPANY FOR ERECTING A BRIDGE OVER
THE RIVER DELAWARE, AT THE BOROUGH OF EASTON.

Whereas the president, managers and company, for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at the borough of Easton, have represented by their petition to the legislature, that they have actually made great progress in the erection of the said bridge, and that their existing funds will in all probability enable them to complete the same according to the original design, and put it in a condition for public use in the

course of the present year; but that experience has proved that bridges built of massive timber are subject to very rapid decay, unless protected from the weather; and the said company will be unable to cover their bridge for that purpose, without some present aid in anticipation of their tolls: And whereas it is reasonable that the public assistance should be afforded to save from premature destruction, a work of great public utility, accomplished at great expense by private enterprise.

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 governor of this commonwealth, be, and he is hereby authorized and required to draw his warrant on the state treasurer in favor of the president, managers and company, for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at the borough of Easton, for the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be by them appropriated in aid of the funds of the said corporation, to the covering the said bridge in a substantial manner: Provided, that the said warrant shall not be drawn until the said bridge shall be in a condition to authorize the receipt of tolls according to the provisions of the act for the incorporation of the said company, and until the president and managers of the said company, shall execute in due form of law under their corporate seal, and deposit in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, a deed pledging to the governor for the use of the commonwealth, as well the capital stock and estates of the said company as the tolls which shall arise from the said bridge, the amount of necessary and current repairs excepted, for the reimbursement of the sum aforesaid to the commonwealth with lawful interest thereon, in ten equal and annual installments, which deed when deposited as aforesaid, shall be and remain a lien on the estates and tolls pledged thereby until the sum aforesaid with the accruing interest thereon, shall be fully and completely reimbursed.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if at the time when the sum

aforesaid shall be payable to the said company, agreeably to the provisions of this act, the amount of monies in the treasury of the commonwealth shall be so reduced by appropriations or otherwise, as to render it inconvenient or inexpedient to draw the said sum therefrom, in that case, it shall and may be lawful for the governor of this commonwealth, and he is hereby authorized and required to borrow of the Philadelphia bank for the purposes of this act, the sum of ten thousand dollars, part of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars stipulated to be loaned to the commonwealth, by the sixth section of the act, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Philadelphia Bank,"⁽¹⁾ reimburseable with interest, at the rate in the said section specified, in ten equal and annual installments; and the said bank is hereby required to lend the said sum to this commonwealth, on the terms herein mentioned; and when, and so often as any installment of the sum hereby directed to be lent to the president, managers and company, for erecting a bridge over the river Delaware, at the borough of Easton, shall be received from them according to the condition of the mortgage hereinbefore mentioned, the same or so much thereof as shall be needful, shall be forthwith paid over by the state treasurer to the Philadelphia Bank, towards the extinguishment and discharge of the debt, which may be contracted in virtue of this section.

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 Note (1) Chapter 2451; 17 Statutes at Large, p. 675.

CHAPTER MMDCLXXI.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, TO INCORPORATE A COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING A PERMANENT BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER SCHUYLKILL, AT OR NEAR THE PLACE USUALLY CALLED GRAY'S FERRY.

Whereas it appears from representations made to this legislature, that it will be of great public utility to incorporate a company for the purpose of erecting a permanent bridge over the river Schuylkill, at or near the place usually called Gray's