

ACTS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

PASSED

AT

A SESSION, WHICH WAS BEGUN AND HELD

AT THE

BOROUGH OF LANCASTER,

ON TUESDAY THE SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER, IN THE
YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED AND SIX,

AND OF THE

INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE THIRTY-FIRST.

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CHAPTER CXXIII.

An ACT for raising by way of lottery the sum of six thousand dollars for defraying the expence of making an aqueduct to conduct water into the town of Meadville, and for other purposes. †

SECTION I. *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 William Poyntell, Matthew Carey and John Inskeep, of the city of Philadelphia, and Roger Alden of the town of Meadville, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to raise by way of lottery, a sum of money not exceeding six thousand dollars, for the purposes of bringing water into the town of Meadville by pipes; of improving the streets and highways within the same; of aiding the funds of the seminary of learning, and of the society for the encouraging manufactures and other useful arts within the same.

Commissioners of the lottery.

Sum to be raised.

For what object.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the commissioners before they proceed to sell any tickets in the said lottery, shall lay such scheme thereof before the Governor, as shall meet his approbation, and enter into bonds to him for the due and faithful performance of their duty, in selling the tickets, drawing the lottery and paying the prizes; and each of them before entering on the duties of his appointment, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, diligently and faithfully to perform the duties hereby intrusted to him; and two of the said commissioners at least shall attend each day's drawing of the aforesaid lottery, in the city of Philadelphia; and when the whole is completed, shall cause an accurate list of the fortunate numbers to be published in two of the newspapers printed in the city of Philadelphia, and the Crawford Weekly Messenger.

Commissioners to lay the scheme before the Governor; for his approbation. Further duties of the commissioners.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to settle and adjust all accounts which may be exhibited by any person or persons legally employed in carrying this act into effect; and that all expences necessarily attending the same, shall be paid by the aforesaid commissioners out of the proceeds of the lottery.

Authorized to adjust and pay all debts lawfully incurred under this act.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That John Brooks, Henry Hurst and Thomas R. Kennedy, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to receive and lay out the sums of money raised and appropriated by this act, for the purpose of bringing water into the town of Meadville by pipes, and of improving the streets and highways within the same; and when the money is delivered to them, they shall enter into bonds to the treasurer of the county of Crawford for

Commissioners appointed to expend the proceeds of the lottery.

Who shall enter into bonds &c.

Their compensation.

the faithful performance of their duty; and the said commissioners shall be allowed a reasonable compensation for their time and expences.

Manner in which the proceeds are to be applied.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That one-half of the nett proceeds of the aforesaid lottery hereby is and shall be appropriated and applied for the purpose of bringing water into the town of Meadville by pipes; one-sixth part to improving the streets and highways within the same; one-sixth part to the funds of the seminary of learning within the same; and the remaining one-sixth part to the Meadville society for encouraging manufactures and the useful arts.

Commissioners of the lottery to pay the proceeds to the treasurer of Crawford county. Duties of the treasurer.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioners appointed for the management of the lottery when the same is drawn and published, to make out a true statement of the proceeds after the expences are paid; and the amount shall be paid over to the treasurer of the county of Crawford for the time being, who shall give his bond with conditions to whom or to what officers the same is to be paid; and it shall be his duty to pay the same in the proportions as specified and expressed in this act to the commissioners hereby appointed in the fourth section of this act, to the treasurer of the seminary of learning at Meadville, and to the treasurer of the Meadville society for encouraging manufactures and the useful arts, and their respective receipts shall be evidence of a full and complete discharge of the duty hereby assigned to the said treasurer.

What prizes shall be considered as relinquished.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all prizes not demanded within twelve months next after the publication aforesaid, shall be considered as relinquished for the benefit of the aforesaid seminary of learning.

The court of quarter sessions to appoint auditors to settle commissioners accounts.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the court of quarter sessions of the peace, be, and the same is hereby authorized and required whenever it shall be necessary, to appoint two judicious citizens, who with the county commissioners, shall be auditors to adjust and settle the accounts of the commissioners mentioned in the fourth section of this act; and the said auditors shall allow the said commissioners respectively such compensation for their services necessarily employed under this act, as the said auditors shall think just and reasonable; and it shall be the duty of the said auditors to report to the court of quarter sessions of the peace, whether the said commissioners have discharged the duties of their trust according to the true intent and meaning of this act,

which report if approved of, the court shall direct that the said commissioners be discharged from any further responsibility.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED — April, the tenth in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

THOMAS M'KEAN.

CHAPTER CXXIV.

An ACT authorizing the commissioners of Delaware county to lay a tax on dogs.

SECTION I. *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 whenever the grand jury of the county of Delaware, shall be of opinion, that the interest of the inhabitants of said county will be promoted by laying a tax on dogs, they shall signify the same in writing to the associate justices, who, if they concur in opinion with the grand jury, shall transmit the said writing with their approbation certified thereon, to the county commissioners, who shall be and hereby are empowered to lay a tax upon the owners of all dogs in their county, which shall be levied and collected in the following proportions; for one dog, twenty-five cents; each additional dog such person may own, fifty-cents; to be assessed and collected in the same manner, and by the same persons as county rates and levies are assessed and collected; and the money arising from said tax, shall be appropriated and set apart, as a fund to remunerate such inhabitants of the county as may have their sheep destroyed by dogs, or who may have their horses, cattle or swine bitten by mad dogs.

Proceedings in taxing dogs.

Amount of tax.

Appropriated to remunerate the owners of sheep destroyed by dogs.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever an inhabitant of the county of Delaware shall have one or more sheep destroyed by a dog or dogs, or horses, cattle or swine bitten by mad dogs, he or she may certify the same on oath or affirmation, to be taken before a justice of the peace for the township or district in which the said sheep were killed, or horses cattle or swine bitten by mad dogs, stating in said certificate according to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, whether the said sheep were destroyed, or horses cattle or swine bitten as aforesaid by his or her own dog or dogs, or by some other, and if the latter shall appear to be the case, the justice shall appoint two respectable freeholders of the neighbourhood to view and value under oath or affirmation the sheep so killed, or horses, cattle or swine so bitten as aforesaid, who are hereby empowered

Proceedings in order to obtain such remuneration.