

**PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY INCORPORATED**  
**Act of Apr. 18, 1856, P.L. 447, No. 461**

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An Act

A further supplement to an act to incorporate the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, passed April thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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 Pennsylvania railroad company be and is hereby authorized to construct a railroad from a point on the Philadelphia and Columbia railroad, north of Market street, in the city of Philadelphia, near the repair shop of said company; thence passing behind the said shops across Market street; thence down the centre of Mansion street to the West Chester railroad; thence to some point on the west side of the river Schuylkill, at or near Grays Ferry bridge; thence crossing said river to the river Delaware and terminating thereon, south of the navy yard, by such route as may be most practicable and conducive to the public interests: Provided however, That the line of said road from a point one hundred feet north of the north side of Market street, to the south side of Chestnut street, and if practicable further south, shall be by means of a tunnel at such distance below the surface as not to interfere with pipes and culverts; and from the point where said tunnel may terminate to the south side of Walnut street, said road shall be under the surface by means of a tunnel or covered way, whichever may be most practicable; and from thence to a point one hundred feet further southward, by a covered way under or above the surface, as may be necessary; and on the line of said Mansion street, below Chestnut street, the location of said pipes and culverts may be altered by the board as shall be requisite: And provided further, Said road shall not pass through any part of the Woodland cemetery without the consent of the directors thereof, and shall be located as regards grades and route with the approval of the board of survey of said city, and subject to such regulations as the councils of said city may from time to time ordain for the public convenience and safety.

Section 2. Widening streets occupied by Pennsylvania Railroad

The councils of said city are hereby authorized to widen to a width not exceeding one hundred feet, any of the streets of said city that may be occupied by the route of said railroad so extended (the Pennsylvania Railroad.) and to cause the same to be laid out upon the plans of said city of said increased width, the damages therefor to be ascertained in the manner now provided by law in reference to the opening of the streets of said city: Provided, That the said company shall first give security to said city for the payment of all such damages.  
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Section 3. That the said company shall have full power and

authority to construct at the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers, on or contiguous to the line of said railroad, such area of ground not exceeding in the aggregate twenty-five acres, wharves, docks and warehouses, with the necessary appurtenances as may be required for the proper accommodation of the freight passing over said road, and to charge and collect storage and wharfage at reasonable and customary rates: Provided however, That other parties desiring to make connections with said railroad shall be at liberty to do so, under such regulations as may be necessary for safety and convenience: Provided further, That all freight and business of whatever kind carried over the Columbia railroad by the Pennsylvania railroad company and destined for the city of Philadelphia, or taken therefrom for westward transportation by said company, shall, whenever requested by the owner or transporter of such freight, be delivered or received in Market street by said company, as heretofore; and any evasion of this proviso shall subject the president and directors, or any other officer or agent assenting thereto, each to a fine of one hundred dollars for every offence, to be recovered as debts of like amount are now recoverable, one-half for the use of the complainant and the other half for the use of the guardians of the poor of said city.

Section 4. That the said company be and is hereby authorized and empowered to connect the said railroad with any railroads now or hereafter constructed within the limits of the city of Philadelphia, upon the route of said road so extended, on such terms and for such time and under such restrictions as may be agreed upon by the officers and directors of said companies.

Section 5. That before this act shall go into effect it shall be approved by the stockholders at a general meeting to be called for that purpose.