

No. 24.

AN ACT

Declaring East Sandy creek and Big Hickory creek, public highways.

SECT. 1. *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,*

Portions of
creeks declared public
highways.

That from and after the passing of this act, East Sandy creek, in Venango county, from the mouth thereof to the point where the Susquehanna and Waterford turnpike road crosses the same, and Big Hickory creek, from its mouth to the Warren county line, be and the same are hereby declared navigable streams and public highways; and it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons desirous of improving or using the navigation of said creeks, to remove thereout all obstructions, except dams for mills and other water works already built, on which dams any such person or persons as aforesaid shall have full power to make slopes, such as are hereinafter described, and to keep the same in repair for the passage of boats, rafts, and other craft: *Provided*, That such slopes be so constructed as not to injure such dams.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this act contained shall be deemed, taken or understood to prevent any person or persons owning or possessing lands on or adjoining said creeks, who, independent of the passage of this act, would have a right under the general laws of this commonwealth, to erect a dam or dams across the said streams, from erecting such dam or dams: *Provided nevertheless*, That every such dam or dams be so constructed with a proper slope or slopes, erected in the most convenient parts thereof, so that rafts may not be obstructed in passing down the said creeks, which slope shall be at least thirty feet wide, and be one foot lower than the other parts of the dams, the surface of which slope or slopes shall be made of wood or other materials well compacted together, so that none of the water may be lost in passing down the same, and for every foot said slope or slopes shall be in height it shall extend fifteen feet down the stream.

Right to
erect dams.

Proviso.

FRED'K SMITH, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

DANIEL STURGEON,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-third day of January, A. D.
one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

GEO. WOLF.