

No. 16.

AN ACT

Declaring a certain part of the West Branch of the river Susquehanna, a public highway.

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,* That from and after the passage of this act, the West Branch of the river Susquehanna, from the Cherry tree or Canoe Place, up to John Douglass' saw mill, be and the same is hereby declared a public highway; and it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, desirous of improving or using the navigation of said stream, to remove there-out all obstructions, except mill dams already built; on which dams such person or persons as aforesaid, shall have full power to make slopes, such as hereinafter described, and to keep the same in repair for the passage of boats, rafts and other crafts: *Provided,* That such slopes be so constructed as not to injure such dams.

From Cherry tree to Douglass' saw-mill.

Right to make slopes to dams

Proviso.
Not to injure dams.

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 river, 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 stream, from erecting such dam or dams: *Provided nevertheless,* That every such dam or dams be so constructed, with proper slope or slopes erected in the most convenient part thereof, so that rafts and boats may not be obstructed in passing down said river; which slope shall be at least thirty feet wide, and to be one foot lower than the other part of the dam; the surface of which slope or slopes shall be made of wood, or other suitable materials, well compact 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.
Dimensions, &c. of slopes.

FREDK. SMITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. G. HAWKINS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The seventeenth day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

GEO. WOLF.