

No. 64.

AN ACT

Declaring Big Sugar Creek, from Goodwin's mill, in Venango county, to Proper's Forks, in Crawford county, and the north fork of Sandy Lick creek, in the county of Jefferson, from the mouth thereof to Ridgway, in said county, 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,* That from and after the passing of this act, Big Sugar creek from Goodwin's mill, in Venango county, to Proper's forks, in Crawford county, and the north fork of Sandy Lick creek, in the county of Jefferson, from the mouth thereof to Ridgway, in said county, be, and the same are hereby declared public highways; and it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, desirous of improving or using the navigation of said streams, 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.

Power given
to remove all
obstructions
except dams,
&c.

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 stream, 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 said streams, from erecting such dam or dams: *Provided nevertheless,* That every such dam shall be constructed agreeably, and subject to all the restrictions and provisions of an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, passed the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and three, entitled "An act to authorize any person or persons owning lands, adjoining navigable streams of water, declared public highways, to erect dams upon such streams, for mills and other water works."

Right to erect
dams.

Proviso.

Under regu-
lations of act
of 23d March
1803.

SAM'L. ANDERSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JESSE R. BURDEN,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirtieth day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

GEO. WOLF.