

No. 51.

AN ACT

Entitled "An Act to prevent the destruction of fish in the river Lehigh, and Bushkile creek, in the county of Northampton, and for other purposes,"

SECTION 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, any person or persons, who shall make use of coculus indicus, lime, or any other poisonous admixture, in the shape of pills or otherwise, by throwing or causing the same to be thrown into any stream or streams of water within the county of Northampton, for the purpose of taken or catching fish, such person or persons so offending, on conviction thereof, on the testimony of one or more witnesses, before a justice of the peace of the said county, shall forfeit and pay a fine of five dollars for every such offence, to be recovered as debts of equal amount are by law recoverable, by any person or persons who may sue for the same; one moiety thereof to be paid to the informer, and the other moiety to the supervisors of the public highways of the township where such offence shall have been committed; to be by them applied to improving the roads and highways in their respective townships: *Provided, however,* That such prosecution shall be commenced within thirty days after such offence shall have been committed.

Fine.

Proviso.

Imprisonment.

SECTION 2. Any person or persons who shall be convicted as aforesaid, and who shall neglect or refuse to satisfy the fine imposed on him, her, or them, and goods and chattels cannot be found whereof to pay the same, the said person or persons so convicted, shall be committed to the jail of the county of Northampton, for the term of five days.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.