

No. 173.

A N A C T

Relative to the claim of Hathorn Freeland, 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 the canal commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to examine the claim of Hathorn Freeland, for damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of a section boat, while upon the state trucks and in charge of a state agent, running against and breaking three of his cars standing at the head of the Schuylkill inclined plane; and if they shall ascertain that the damages were sustained in consequence of inattention or neglect of any state agent or agents, they shall assess the same, not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars, and draw their warrant for the amount upon the state treasurer, who is authorized to pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and they shall forthwith discharge the agent or agents, who may thus be found culpable, from the employment of the commonwealth.

SECTION 2. That hereafter when any damages are sustained upon any of the canals or railroads of the commonwealth, by reason of neglect or misconduct on the part of any agent or officer in the employment of the state, he shall be held liable for the amount of such damages; and it shall be the duty of the canal commissioners to discharge such agent or officer from all further employment, and retain any balance which may be due him for salary or wages, until the amount of his liability for such damages shall be fully ascertained and paid.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eleventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.