

all that certain yearly ground rent, or sum of thirty-five dollars, chargeable in and issuing and payable in half yearly payments forever, without deduction for taxes, out of a certain lot or piece of ground situate on the west side of Delaware Front street, at the distance of one hundred and sixty-three feet southward from the corner of Otter street, in Kensington aforesaid:

And whereas, It is represented to the legislature, that doubts are entertained respecting the right and power of said beneficial society to hold, sell and assign said ground rents; therefore,

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 several titles of the said the General Greene beneficial society of the city and county of Philadelphia, and of all and every person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim under or from the said society, by purchase or otherwise, to the said two several yearly ground rents, shall be and the same are hereby confirmed and made valid, to the same extent and effect, to all intents and purposes, as if at and before the execution of the said recited indentures, respectively, express lawful authority had been given to or vested in the said General Greene beneficial society of the city and county of Philadelphia, to purchase, take, hold, sell, transfer and assign, in fee simple or otherwise, the said yearly ground rents, and every part thereof; all laws heretofore made, to the contrary notwithstanding; and the claim, if any, of this commonwealth, to the said ground rents, is hereby released to the said General Greene beneficial society, their successors and assigns, forever. Title confirmed.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 226.

AN ACT

In relation to obstructions in Tionesta and Towanda creeks, and in Clarion river, in Elk and Jefferson counties.

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 so much of the act of assembly, entitled "An Act in relation to obstruction of the Clarion river, and for other purposes," as relates to obstructions in the Clarion river, be and the same is hereby extended to so To prevent obstructions in Tionesta creek.

much of the navigable parts of Tionesta creek, in the counties of Warren, Jefferson and Venango, as has been declared a public highway.

Obstructions in
Tionesta creek.

Towanda creek.
Clarion river.

SECTION 2. That the provisions of an act passed the fifteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An Act in relation to obstruction of the Big Brokenstraw and its tributaries," be and the same are hereby extended to so much of the Tionesta creek, in the counties of Warren and Jefferson, as has been declared a public highway, and to that part of Towanda creek, in Bradford county, that has been declared a public highway; and also to so much of the Clarion river and its tributaries, as have been declared public highways in the counties of Elk and Jefferson.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 227.

AN ACT

To limit the hours of labor, and to prevent the employment, in factories, of children under twelve years of age.

Labor reduced to
ten hours a day.

Admission of
minors under
twelve years of
age prohibited.

Proviso.

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 labor performed during a period of ten hours, on any secular day, in all cotton, woolen, silk, paper, bagging and flax factories, shall be considered a legal day's labor; and that hereafter, no minor or adult, engaged in any such factories, shall be holden or required to work more than ten hours on any secular day, or sixty hours in any secular week; and that after the fourth day of July, of the present year, no minor shall be admitted as a worker, under the age of twelve years, in any cotton, woolen, silk or flax factory, within this commonwealth; that if any owner of or employer in any such factories aforesaid, shall employ any such minor, he shall be adjudged to pay a penalty of fifty dollars, one-half thereof to the party so employed, and the other half to the commonwealth, to be recovered in like manner as fines of like amount are now recoverable by law: *Provided,* That nothing contained in this act shall be construed to prevent minors, above the age of fourteen