

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

years, from being employed more than ten hours in any day, if the same be done by special contract with their parents or guardians.

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. 228.

AN ACT

Providing for laying out a state road from Berwick, in Columbia county, to Pottsville, in Schuylkill county, and to view and lay out a state road from Waynesburg, Greene county, to the widow Griffin's, in Fayette county.

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* George Mack, of Columbia county, Wallace Seybert, of Luzerne county, *Commissioners.* and John Breisch, of Schuylkill county, be and the same are hereby appointed commissioners to view and lay out a state road beginning at the borough of Berwick, Columbia county, and thence to Pottsville, in *Location.* the county of Schuylkill, by the nearest and best route.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to view as aforesaid, after having been sworn or affirmed before some justice of the peace, who shall file and preserve the affidavits in his office, to perform the duties enjoined on them by this act with fidelity and impartiality, carefully to view the ground over which the road laid out by them may pass, and lay out the same as near to a straight line as the nature of the ground and circumstances will permit, and so that the vertical departure from a horizontal line shall in no point exceed seven degrees, except at the crossing of ravines and streams, where by moderate filling and bridging the declination of the road may be preserved within that limit; and further, it shall be the duty of the commissioners to have due regard to the crossing of water, the nature of the ground and damage to private property, and all other circumstances that may affect the route, so that by a judicious combination of the route adopted may best promote the public good; and that they shall clearly and distinctly mark upon the ground the route agreed upon, in such manner as to enable the supervisors readily to find the same; and for the purpose of fulfilling the duties by this act enjoined, the said commissioners shall receive a per diem allowance of two dol- *Duty of commissioners.* lars each for every day they shall have been necessarily employed in performing the duties of this act; the said commissioners are hereby authorized to employ a surveyor at two dollars per day, two chain *Compensation.*