

boats and rafts, under the limitations and restrictions hereinafter specified; and it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants desirous of using the navigation of the said creek to remove all natural and artificial obstructions, from the mouth thereof up to the third fork of the same; and also to erect such slopes at the mill-dam now built on the said creek as may be necessary for the passage of rafts or boats, provided such slopes shall be so constructed as not to injure the works of said dam.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) 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 possessing land on said creek, who, before the passing of this act, had authority, under the laws of this commonwealth, to erect a dam or dams, from erecting such dam or dams, provided that such dam or dams be so constructed and kept in repair by the owner or owners thereof, with complete slopes or locks on convenient parts of such dams, as that the navigation for boats and rafts will not be injured thereby.

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CHAPTER MCMLXXXIII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE EDMUND MILNE TO COMMENCE A SUIT AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH, UPON CERTAIN CLAIMS WHICH HE HAS AGAINST THE SAME.

Whereas it is represented to the legislature that the agents for confiscated estates in the county of Philadelphia, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, sold to Edmund Milne a certain tract of land, and appurtenances, situate in Whitpain township, then in the county aforesaid, which land had been forfeited by John Robinson, and was, at the time of sale, subject, by the directions of the last will of John Robinson, and by the last will of William Robinson, to the annual

payment of certain sums to their widows, which annuities the said Edmund Milne alleges were unknown to him at the time of purchasing the said estate. Therefore:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) 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 Edmund Milne be, and he is hereby, authorized to commence an action on the case against this commonwealth, in the supreme court, for the moneys claimed by him of this commonwealth, to which action the attorney-general is hereby authorized and directed to appear, on behalf of the said commonwealth, as defendant, and plead the general issue.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That upon the trial aforesaid the jury shall inquire, ascertain and determine whether any and what sum is due from the commonwealth to the said Edmund Milne, upon the claim aforesaid; and if the said jury shall find for the plaintiff, and judgment be given thereupon, the governor is hereby authorized and required to draw, in the usual manner, a warrant on the treasurer of the state, for the sum of money which shall be found to be due from the commonwealth to the said Edmund Milne; and the treasurer shall pay the same out of the moneys appropriated for the support of government.

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CHAPTER MCMLXXXIV.

AN ACT TO GRANT A SUM OF MONEY TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ACADEMY AND FREE SCHOOL OF BUCKS COUNTY

Whereas the trustees of the academy and free school of Bucks county, established at Newtown, in the said county, have prayed that a sum of money may be granted them, to erect a suitable building for the accommodation of the said institution.