

and Pittsburg, the time limited as aforesaid for presenting claims for donation lands, and shall proceed, after the said first day of September next, to draw lots in favor of all such claimants, as shall have duly received as aforesaid a certificate of allowance from the comptroller general, register general and treasurer, upon the principles, in the manner, and with the powers specified in the act, entitled, "An act relative to donation lands," passed on the seventeenth day of April, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.¹

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That on the first day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred, the powers herein given shall cease, no lots for donation lands shall afterwards be drawn, and the residue of the land heretofore by law appropriated for satisfying claims to donation lands shall revert to the commonwealth, and be disposed of in such manner as shall be directed by law in relation to other lands, the property of the state.

Passed April 11, 1799. Recorded L. B. No. 7, p. 3, etc.

CHAPTER MMLXXXII.

AN ACT TO DECLARE FISHING CREEK, AND ONE OF ITS BRANCHES, IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

[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, from and after the passing of this act, Fishing creek, in the county of Northumberland, from the mouth up to the main fork thereof, and that branch commonly called Little Fishing creek, from the mouth of John Eve's mill, shall be, and the same are hereby, declared to be public highways for the passage of boats and rafts, under the limita-

¹Chapter 1855.

tions and restrictions herein specified; and it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants, desirous of using the navigation of said creek, to remove all natural and artificial obstructions, from the mouth thereof up the mainfork, and that branch called Little Fishing creek up to John Eve's mill aforesaid, and to erect such slopes or locks at the mill-dams now built, as may be necessary for the passage of boats, rafts and fish; provided such slopes or locks shall be so constructed, as not to injure the works of said dams.

[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 the said creek, or either of them, 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 always, That such dam or dams be so constructed and kept in repair], by the owners thereof, with complete slopes and locks on convenient parts of such dams, as that the navigation for boats and rafts, and the passage of fish, will not be injured thereby.

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CHAPTER MMLXXXIII.

AN ACT EMPOWERING CERTAIN TRUSTEES THEREIN NAMED TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND, SITUATE PARTLY IN UPPER AND PARTLY IN LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIPS, IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, AND TO APPROPRIATE THE MONEYS ARISING FROM THE SALE THEREOF FOR THE PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas the trustees and elders of the Presbyterian congregation in Lower Mount Bethel township, in the county of Northampton, and state of Pennsylvania, by their petition, have represented to the legislature, that by virtue of a certain indenture or