

## CHAPTER MMCCCLXXVII.

AN ACT AFFORDING COMPENSATION TO BENJAMIN ALEXANDER, THOMAS M'MILLAN AND OTHERS, FOR ASCERTAINING THE CENTRE OF MERCER COUNTY.

Whereas by an act, entitled "An act to erect certain parts of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington and Lycoming counties, into separate counties," passed the twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred,<sup>(1)</sup> a certain part of the county of Allegheny was erected into a county district, called Mercer county, and in and by the third section of said act, provision made that the place for holding the courts of justice should be fixed within five miles of the centre of said county: And whereas by the act to which this is a supplement, passed the sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and two,<sup>(2)</sup> the governor was authorised and required to appoint five commissioners, whose duty it should be inter alia, to view and determine on the most eligible and proper situation for erecting the public buildings within the limits aforesaid, in said county: And whereas no provision was made in either of the aforesaid acts, for defraying the expenses to be incurred in ascertaining the centre of said county, and which has since that period been ascertained by Benjamin Alexander, Thomas M'Millan and others, before the said commissioners could proceed to make their report, for which services it appears by the petition of the said Alexander and M'Millan they have not received any compensation: 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 the commissioners of the county of Crawford, (or any two of them) be and they are hereby authorized and required to adjust and settle the accounts of Benjamin Alexander, Thomas M'Millan and others, necessarily employed in ascertaining the centre of the

county of Mercer, allowing them a reasonable compensation for their services and expenses therein, to be paid by the treasurer of the county of Crawford out of any monies which have been or may be assessed, levied and collected within the county of Mercer.

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Note (\*). Chapter 2130; 16 Statutes at Large, p. 454.

Note (\*). Chapter 2296; Supra this volume p. 146.

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### AN ACT DECLARING THE WEST AND WESTERN MOST BRANCHES OF SCHUYLKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERKS, 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, the west branch of Schuylkill from its junction with the north branch up the same to Thomas Reed's saw-mill, and thence five miles higher up said stream; and the westernmost branch from its junction with the last mentioned stream, six miles up the same, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be public highways, under the limitations and restrictions hereinafter specified; and it shall and may be lawful for any person desirous of improving or using the navigation of said west or westernmost branches of Schuylkill to remove thereout all obstructions except mill-dams already built, at which dams the persons aforesaid, shall have full power to make slopes thereon, and keep the same in repair for ever for the passage of rafts.

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 lands on said west or westernmost branches of Schuylkill, who before the passing of this act had authority under the law of this commonwealth to erect a dam, from erecting any such dam or dams, that he, she or