

1768. the society, the directors, or a majority, may choose another in his room; all the directors acting to have due previous notice of such intended election; and such choice being confirmed by a second meeting of said directors, the person so elected shall be director, or treasurer, until the next annual election. 8. Directors empowered to lend money on mortgage, &c. 9. The directors to be indemnified by the contributors for signing policies, and all lawful acts; and the joint stock, in the first instance, to be appropriated to that purpose; and no director to be answerable for the defaults, neglects, or misdeeds of the others of them.]

Passed 20th February, 1768.—Private Act.—Recorded A. vol. V. page 238.

CHAPTER DLXXVII.

An ACT to enable the owners and possessors of a certain tract of marsh and meadow land, therein described, situate in the county of Chester, to keep the banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expenses thereof.

Passed 20th February, 1768.—Private Act.—Recorded A. vol. V. page 243.

CHAPTER DLXXVIII.

An ACT for regulating the fishery in the river Brandywine.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to the Assembly, by petition from a number of the freeholders of the county of Chester, that live on or near the river called Brandywine, that their ancestors, themselves, and the poor adjacent inhabitants, have formerly enjoyed great advantages from the fishery in the same river; and although no person owning lands below the fork or main branches can claim any right, by survey, to the lands covered with the waters thereof, yet divers persons have erected dams across the said river, to the almost total obstruction of the fish running up the same: Wherefore, for remedying the mischiefs aforesaid, *Be it enacted, That* all and every person and persons whatsoever, having already erected, or that shall hereafter erect, any mill-dam, or other obstruction, across the said river, below the forks thereof, within this province, shall make, open and leave, the space of nine feet in breadth, near the middle of the said dam, at least fourteen inches lower than any other part thereof, so that there be at least twelve inches depth of water during the months of March, April and May, in every year, constantly running through the same; and for every foot that the dam is or shall be raised perpendicular from the bottom of the said river, there shall be laid a platform, either of stone or timber, or of both, with proper walls on each side, to confine the waters, which shall extend at least four feet down the stream, and of the breadth aforesaid, to form a slope for the waters gradual descent; and that all and every person and persons, who shall refuse or neglect to make or alter his, her or their dams, in the manner directed

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