

1778. pointed in the city and several counties of this state, in pursuance of the said last recited act, opened or exercised their respective offices, shall be deemed as good and valid, to all intents and purposes, in the law, as wills proved and registered, and letters testamentary and of administration granted, by the Register-General, or his deputies in the several counties, before the declaration of independence, notwithstanding the incapacity of the said officers.

Passed 31st August, 1778.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 202.

CHAPTER DCCXCVII.

[Original act, ante. p. 168, chap. 288.]

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled *An act for the better preventing obstructions to the navigation of Chester creek, and other navigable creeks and rivers in this province.*

WHEREAS, in pursuance of an act of General Assembly of the province of Pennsylvania, entitled *An act for the better preventing obstructions to the navigation of Chester creek, and other navigable creeks and rivers in this province*, a draw-bridge, which in the year one thousand seven hundred had been first built over the said creek, was, in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five, rebuilt, and ever since repaired and maintained, at the public charge of the said county of Chester, and the same bridge is at last decayed and ruined, and it is necessary, for the convenience of travellers on the high road, that a good safe bridge over the said creek should be always maintained and kept in repair, but the draw or engine to raise and lower the same is of no public utility, and yet attended with extraordinary expenses and inconveniences to the public: Therefore,

Commissioners, &c. may build a new bridge, without a draw.

II. *Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted*, That the Commissioners and Assessors, with the concurrence of the Magistrates of the county of Chester, shall, as soon as may be, cause a new bridge to be built at the place where the old bridge formerly stood, leaving at least twenty feet clear between the timber or stone work, and not less than eighteen feet in breadth, and eight feet headway at high water, for the easy passage for rafts, flats, shallops, and other crafts; and that the said bridge shall be made fast, and close continued from one side of the creek to the other, without any draw or opening for a mast, any thing in the said act of General Assembly to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Repeal.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the said recited act, to which this is a supplement, as is herein altered or amended, is hereby declared to be repealed, and of no further force or effect.

Passed 3d. September, 1778.—Recorded in Law Book vol. I. page 209.