

or of any of the Assemblies, Conventions, Committees, or other public bodies aforesaid, or of any commanding officer, civil or military, or otherwise, for or by reason of the premises, be, and are hereby, discharged and made void: And if any action or suit, hereby declared to be discharged, hath been or shall be commenced or prosecuted, every person so sued may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence; and if the plaintiff shall become non-suit or forbear further prosecution, or suffer discontinuance, or if a verdict or judgment pass against him, the said defendants shall recover treble costs, for which he shall have the like remedy, as in cases where costs by law are given to defendants; and the said plaintiff or prosecutor shall moreover forfeit and pay the fine of ten pounds, to the use of the county where the said defendant shall be arrested or sued, to be recovered, as aforesaid, in the name of the said defendant.

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SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That this act, and the general sentences and words before mentioned, shall be reputed, taken, expounded and adjudged, in all courts, and elsewhere, most beneficial and available to all and singular the good people, who may be sued for or by reason of any act or thing done or performed as aforesaid.

This act to be expounded most beneficially for those who may be sued.

Passed 21st March, 1783.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. page 92.

CHAPTER MXIV.

*An ACT to repeal part of an act of the Assembly of the late province of Pennsylvania, entitled "An act declaring the river Susquehanna, and other streams therein mentioned, public highways, for improving the navigation of the said river and streams, and preserving the fish in the same."**

SECT. I. WHEREAS John Wilt, of the county of Bedford, did, by petition to the late House of Assembly of this commonwealth, set forth, that great benefit and utility would accrue to the majority of the inhabitants of the said county, from erecting a fulling-mill about two miles below the town of Bedford, in said county, on the Ray's-Town branch of the river Juniata, and in consideration thereof prayed that an act might be passed, to permit him, the said John Wilt, to erect a mill as aforesaid.

[* Original act, ante vol. I. p. 324, chap. 627.]

SECT. II. And whereas the said House of Assembly did, on the twenty-third day of November, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, give leave to the said John Wilt to bring in a bill, agreeable to the prayer of his said petition, having first advertised, in the county of Bedford, his intentions so to do: And whereas it appears by the petition of the said John Wilt, and a certificate produced therewith to this House, that he hath complied with the above mentioned order:

SECT. III. *Be it therefore enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same,* That so much of the aforesaid act, entitled "An Act declaring the

Repeal of the act, so far as

1783. river Susquehanna, and other streams therein mentioned, public highways, for improving the navigation of the said river and streams, and preserving the fish in the same," as declares the Ray's-Town branch of Juniata, from the lower end or limits of the said John Wilt his plantation up to the said town of Bedford, to be a public highway, shall be and the same is hereby, repealed and made void, any thing in the act above mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

it declares a certain part of Ray's-Town branch of Juniata to be a highway.

Passed 21st March, 1783.—Recorded in Law Book No. II. pa. 95.

CHAPTER MXV.

An ACT for building market-houses, and keeping a public market, on both sides of Callowhill-street and New-Market-street, in the Northern-Liberties of the city of Philadelphia. (k)

SECT. I. WHEREAS the late Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, at the laying out and surveying a number of town lots at a place called Callowhill, between Front and Second-streets, in the Northern-Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, did, for the encouragement of the people who would build on and improve these and other their lots of land in the neighbourhood thereof, leave open and design for a public market an oblong piece of ground, northward and southward one hundred and thirty feet, and eastward and westward two hundred and ten feet, crossed in its middle by two streets, one running eastward and westward, called Callowhill-street, the other northward and southward, called New-Market-street, each of the said streets being of the breadth of fifty feet, and intersecting one another.

SECT. II. And whereas a considerable number of the same lots, and of lots in the adjacent suburbs, particularly towards the Delaware, have been built over or otherwise improved, ship-building, commerce, and other business and occupations, are carried on above and below the said market-place, and by establishing the new ferry at the wharf of Callowhill-street, these parts of the town are much resorted to by the people of New-Jersey, and others; and a great number of the freeholders and inhabitants of the upper part of the city of Philadelphia, and of the Northern-Liberties thereof, have, by their petition, represented to the General Assembly of this commonwealth, that they labour under many difficulties, by reason of their distance from the public market kept in the city; that the aforesaid Callowhill market-place is very convenient for the accommodation of the house-keepers in that district; and have offered to build stalls by subscription, without any charge to the public; and that, after all costs of the buildings are paid and satisfied, all the profits and income of the said market shall be appropriated to the benefit of the Northern-Liberties, and have humbly prayed this House to pass a law for that purpose:

(k) See a supplement to this act. For a general reference to the laws passed the 31st of August, 1785, and respecting the Northern-Liberties, see an act passed the 13th of March, 1789. the general Index. (Note to former ed.)