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CHAPTER MCXC.

An ACT for incorporating the Society, known by the name and style of the Mutual Assurance Company, for insuring houses from loss by fire; to ratify and confirm the articles of agreement of the contributors; and to enable them to make suitable by-laws, for the better management and prosecution of their said design.

Passed 27th February, 1786.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 71.

CHAPTER MCXCII.

An ACT for the incorporating the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, commonly called Bangor Church and School, in Church-town, Carnarvan township, and county of Lancaster.

Passed 1st March, 1786.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 77.

CHAPTER MCXCVI.

An ACT to incorporate the Episcopal congregation belonging to St. Peter's Church, in the Great Valley, in the township of Trediffrin, and county of Chester.

Passed 4th March, 1786.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 86.

CHAPTER MCXCVII.

An ACT for removing the Protestant Episcopal chapel of St. Thomas, in Carnarvan township, Berks county, and for incorporating the congregation thereof.

Passed 6th of March, 1786.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. III. page 86.

CHAPTER MCC.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "An Act to regulate the fisheries in the river Schuylkill." (k)

SECT. I. WHEREAS it appears to this House, by the petitions from a considerable number of freeholders and others, proprietors of, and interested in, the shad fisheries in the river Schuylkill, that, by the operation of the above recited act, passed the twenty-eighth day of March last, they are deprived of certain privileges, which they held under former laws for the regulating of the fisheries in the said river; first, by being prevented from fishing on Friday nights and Saturdays; and Secondly, by allowing the shad fishing to be carried on so late in the season in the upper parts of the said

(k) For the original act, see ante. the note subjoined to, chap. 465, vol. chap. 1135; and for a reference to the various acts on the same subject; see 1, page 235. (Note to former edition.)

river, to the manifest destruction of the breed of fish : For remedy whereof, 1786.

SECT. II. *Be it 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 it shall and may be lawful, from and after the passing of this act, to and for any person or persons, having a pool or fishery in the said river, to cast, draw or haul, any seine or net, constructed for the catching of shad (under and subject to the regulations, restrictions, fines and penalties, mentioned in the act to which this is a supplement,) at any time or times between the sun's rising on Monday morning, and the sun's setting on Saturday evening following, in every week during the shad fishing season.

At what times during the season the shad fishery in the Schuylkill may be carried on.

SECT. III. *Provided always, nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no person or persons shall draw or use any net or seine, for the purpose of catching shad, or such as are suitable for that purpose, in the said river, or be aiding or assisting therein, between the mouth thereof and the lower falls, five miles from the city of Philadelphia, after the twentieth day of May, or between said falls and the Black Rock, near the mouth of French creek, after the twenty-fifth day of said month, nor in any part of said Schuylkill river, above the said Black Rock, after the first day of June in every or any year.

Seasons for fishing prescribed and limited.

SECT. IV. *And provided also,* That from and after the first day of June, until the first day of July, annually, no brush net, or other net or seine, of any kind whatsoever, shall be cast or drawn in any part of the said river, under the penalty of ten pounds, to be recovered before any Justice of the peace.

From the 1st of June till the 1st of July, annually, no net or seine to be cast or drawn.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all fines and penalties that shall hereafter be recovered, by virtue of the act to which this is a supplement, or by this act, shall be double the sum in every case to what they were in the aforesaid act, to which this is a supplement, and shall be paid, one half thereof to the informer or prosecutor, and the other moiety thereof to the commissioners for clearing the river Schuylkill, &c. to be applied by them for that purpose, any thing in the said recited act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Fines and penalties doubled; how and for whose to use to be recovered.

SECT. VI. *Provided always,* That if any person or persons shall apprehend him or themselves aggrieved by the determination of any Justice of the peace, in consequence of this act, or of the act to which this is a supplement, he or they shall have a right of appeal from the judgment of the said Justice, to the next court of Quarter Sessions of the proper county, and, if the defendant see cause, of trial by jury, upon condition that he or they give security to prosecute the same to effect.

Appeal allowed to persons aggrieved;

SECT. VII. *And provided also,* That no appeal be allowed, unless the same be made within six days after such determination.

but to be made within six days.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the said recited act, to which this is a supplement, as is hereby altered or amended, and no more, is hereby repealed, and made null and void.

Repeal of so much of a former act, as is hereby altered.