

from and after the passing of this act, the Tuscarora creek, in Milford township, in the county of Mifflin, from the mouth thereof to Thomas Beale's mill-dam, shall be and is hereby declared to be a public highway. 1796.
 } declared a highway.

SECT. II. *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 the said creek, who before the passing of this act, had authority under the laws of this commonwealth to erect a dam or dams, from erecting any such dam or dams: *Provided,* That such dam or dams be duly constructed and kept in repair, with a proper slope or slopes, at least twenty-five feet wide, and extending one perch down the stream for every foot the said dam or dams may be in height, and a lock or locks, at least twelve feet wide and sixty feet long, through which boats and canoes may at all times conveniently pass.

Provision in favour of persons entitled to erect mill-dams.

Passed 26th February, 1796.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 61.

CHAPTER MDCCCLXIV.

An ACT authorizing Brintnel Robbins to erect a mill-dam over part of Youghioghevy river, in the county of Westmoreland.

SECT. 1. [BRINTNEL ROBBINS empowered to erect a dam over the Youghiogheny: not to impede the navigation or passage of fish. 2. Complaints shall be made and redressed by indictment, on the report of viewers to be appointed by the Sessions.]

Passed 26th February, 1796—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 60.

CHAPTER MDCCCLXVI.

An ACT to compensate David Meade, and others.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to the Legislature, that David Meade, and sundry other persons, embraced the provisions of an act passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, entitled "An act for ascertaining and confirming to certain persons, called Connecticut Claimants, the lands by them claimed within the county of Luzerne*," and performed, on their part, all the requisites necessary to their obtaining the benefits of the said law, by attending the state commissioners at Wyoming, and procuring their report upon their respective lands, and procuring the said reports to be lodged with the Board of Property, in order to be acted upon: And as it is but just, that the persons complying with the terms of the law aforesaid, while the said law was in existence, should be entitled to the benefits of the same;

[See vol. 3, pa. 242, to 250; and the act of 1st April, 1805, (chap. 2587,) for the redemption of the certificates issued under this act.]

(* Chap. 1274.)

1796.

Claimants under the law relative to the disputed lands in Luzerne county, how to be compensated.

SECT. I. *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 it shall and may be lawful for the Board of Property, and they are hereby enjoined and required to proceed upon the reports of the Commissioners appointed by the act passed the twenty-eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An act for ascertaining and confirming to certain persons, called Connecticut Claimants, the lands by them claimed within the county of Luzerne," which have been filed in the office of the Secretary, and ascertain, as nearly as they can, from the documents so placed in the Secretary's office, and from such further evidence as they may deem necessary, and which shall be produced to them, what sum or sums ought, on the principles of the aforesaid law, to be allowed to the respective owners; and the Receiver-General shall thereupon deliver a certificate of such sum or sums to the respective owners, and enter a credit in his books, for the same, which may be transferred to any person, and passed as credit, either in taking out new warrants in any part of the state, where vacant land may be found, or paying arrearages on former grants: *Provided nevertheless,* That the value of the land, for which such certificates are so to be delivered to the aforesaid claimants, shall not be estimated otherwise than if the same had been made by the Board of Property immediately after the report of the aforesaid Commissioners, in pursuance of the law herein before mentioned: *And provided further,* That the claimants, who are by this act intended to be compensated, shall at the time of receiving the certificates aforesaid, release to the commonwealth their respective claims to the lands, for which they shall receive compensation.

Such claimants to execute a release.

Passed 9th March, 1796.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 62.

CHAPTER MDCCLXIX.

An ACT providing for the appointment of an Inspector of staves and heading.

SECT. I. *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 inspection of staves and heading shall be vested in an officer, other than the Inspector of boards, timber and shingles; and the Governor of this commonwealth shall forthwith appoint a person of competent skill and knowledge for the inspection of staves and heading, whose duties and compensation shall be the same as is now enjoined on and allowed to the present Inspector of lumber in like cases.

An Inspector of staves and heading to be appointed.

[See vol. 1, pa. 222, 277, vol. 2, pa. 528.]

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of any act or acts of Assembly, as is hereby altered or supplied, shall be repealed, and made void.

Passed 17th March, 1796.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 65.