

creek shall have the right to enlarge the draw of the present bridge 1797.
to the width of eighteen feet.

Passed 27th February, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 147.

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CHAPTER MDCCCXXI.

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

SECT. 1. [THE Southern District Derby Meadow company established. Time and place of appointing Managers. 2. Penalty on refusing to act as Managers. How the vacancy in the office of Manager or Treasurer shall be supplied; and penalty on refusing to act as Treasurer. 3. Treasurer to give security. Condition of the bond prescribed. 4. The banks, &c. to be hereafter supported in common by the Managers, who may assess taxes for the purpose. Banks now out of order to be repaired at the expense of the owners. 5. Powers of the Managers. 6. Of cutting weeds injurious to the meadows. 7. Of creeks and inclosures, and of swine found within the inclosures. 8. Of making new ditches and drains, and scouring the old. 9. How disputes shall be settled. 10. Of the Treasurer, and his duty prescribed. 11. Penalty on conviction of persons damaging the banks, &c. Appropriation of the penalty. 12. Proceedings in case owners of the land refuse or neglect to pay their taxes assessed, before a Justice of the Peace. 13. The Managers to direct necessary repairs; to inspect the banks, &c. four times in each year; and enter upon the company lands, to procure materials to repair them. 14. Pay of the Managers and Treasurer. 15. Former acts repealed, excepting as to fines, &c. so far as they relate to this district of meadow.]

Passed 4th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 148.—Private Act.

CHAPTER MDCCCXXII.

An ACT declaring part of Fishing Creek, in Lycoming county, a public highway.

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, Fishing Creek, in the county of Lycoming, from the mouth of the same as far up as the mouth of Banks's Run, shall be, and the same is hereby declared a public highway, for the passage of boats and rafts, under the limitations and restrictions herein specified; and it shall and may be lawful for

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1797. the inhabitants desirous of using the navigation of the said creek, at their own cost and charges, to remove all the natural and artificial obstructions, from the mouth thereof as far up as Banks's Run aforesaid, and to erect and keep in repair such slopes and locks at the dam of the mill already built, as may be necessary for the passage of boats and rafts; provided that such slopes and locks shall be so constructed as not to injure the said mill or dam; nor shall any such slope or lock be erected or constructed, until the inhabitants desirous of erecting or constructing the same, shall have given to the Prothonotary of the county, such security, as the Court of Common Pleas shall judge sufficient to keep harmless and indemnified the owner or owners of the said mill and dam.

This act not to prevent dams being raised on the creek by persons heretofore authorized.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this act shall be deemed, taken or construed, to prevent any person or persons possessing lands on the said creek, in the county of Lycoming aforesaid, who, before the passing of this act, had authority, under the laws of this commonwealth, to erect a dam or dams thereon, from erecting such dam or dams; provided the same be so constructed and kept in repair by the owners thereof, with complete slopes and locks in convenient parts of such dams, as that the navigation for boats and rafts will not be injured thereby.

Passed 4th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 155.

CHAPTER MDCCCCXIV.

An ACT to amend the act, entitled "An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the relief of poor, aged and infirm masters of ships, their widows and children."

SECT. 1. [HOW transfers of corporation stock and releases shall be made; satisfaction entered; and security to be given by the Treasurer. 2. Repeal of part of a former act, (chap. 875, vol. 1, pa. 498.)]

Passed 7th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 154.

CHAPTER MDCCCCXV.

An ACT to authorize Robert Dean and Joseph Smith to erect a wing-dam on the south side of the Frankstown branch of the Juniata, in Huntingdon county.

SECT. 1. [ROBERT DEAN and Joseph Smith empowered to erect a wing-dam on the Juniata; but not to injure the navigation, or private property. 2. Grievances shall be redressed, by indictment, on the report of viewers appointed by the Sessions.]

Passed 9th Marh, 1797.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. pa. 156.