

ing certificates for lands in Bedford and Ulster, shall make application for patents within two years from the date of their certificates, or be liable to pay interest upon the aggregate amount of principal and interest due at the end of the said two years until the debt is discharged.

By act of 23d March, 1811. Pennsylvania claimants, who had a right to bring suit in the Supreme Court, before 4th Monday in October, 1809, may bring suit in the Common Pleas of Luzerne

county against the commonwealth.

Interest ceased on certificates issued under the act in the text on 1st April, 1806.—See act of 31st March, 1806, (chap. 2718;) and see the act to compensate David Meade and others, passed 9th March, 1796, (chap. 1866,) ante. page 267, and the act to redeem the certificates in that act mentioned, passed 1st April, 1805, (chap. 2587.)

See also (chap. 1815,) ante. pa. 209, and the notes thereto.

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CHAPTER MMXLIII.

An ACT for the relief of the Chambersburgh Academy.

SECT. 1. [GRANT of two thousand dollars to the Chambersburgh Academy. 2. Provision for educating poor students gratis, not more than five at any one time, &c.]

Passed 5th April, 1799.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 433.

CHAPTER MMXLV.

An ACT declaring Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, 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, Dunkard creek, in the county of Greene, from the mouth thereof up to the main fork (or the several parts thereof which pass through this commonwealth) shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be a public highway, under the limitations and restrictions herein after specified; and it shall and may be lawful for any person desirous of improving or using the navigation of said creek to remove all natural and artificial obstructions, excepting mill-dams already built, from the mouth thereof up to the main fork, or the several parts thereof which pass through this commonwealth, and also to erect such slopes at the mill dams already built, and keep them in repair, as may be necessary for the passage of boats and rafts, and the ascent of fish: *Provided always, That* such slopes be so constructed, as not to injure the works of said dams,

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What, and how obstructions to the navigation may be removed.

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 said creek, who, before the passing of this act, had authority under the laws of this commonwealth to erect a dam, from erecting any such dam or dams that he or she may think proper: *Provided always, That* such dams be so constructed, and continued in repair, as that there may be a slope to each dam at least thirty feet in width, ex-

Persons heretofore authorized may erect and maintain dams, provided they are kept in order and repair.