

bly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That 1800.  
 from and after the passing of this act, Shaver's creek in the county of  
 of Huntingdon, from its mouth up to the line of John and James Shaver's  
 Crawford's land, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be a creek de-  
 public highway, for the passage of boats and rafts along the same, clared a  
 and it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants desirous of im- highway,  
 proving or tising the navigation of the said creek, to remove all nat-  
 ural and artificial obstructions from the mouth thereof up to the  
 line of John and James Crawford's land aforesaid; provided that  
 in doing the same, they shall not thereby do any damage to private  
 property on the said creek.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* Proviso as to  
 That nothing in this act contained, shall be deemed, taken or un- dams pre-  
 derstood, to prevent any person or persons possessing land on the viously an-  
 said creek, who before the passing of this act, had authority under thorized,  
 the law of this commonwealth, to erect a dam or dams, from erect-  
 ing the same, as he, she or they may think proper: *Provided,* That  
 such dam or dams be so constructed and kept in repair by the own-  
 ers thereof, with complete slopes and locks, on convenient parts of  
 such dams, as that the navigation of the said creek for boats and  
 rafts will not be injured thereby, nor the passage of fish prevented.

Passed 19th February, 1800.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 94.

## CHAPTER MMXCVI.

*A SUPPLEMENT to the several acts relative to establishing* [Ante. chap.  
*town and out lots, and selling the same, within the reserved tracts* 1845, pa. 233,  
*of land adjoining Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford.* and chap.  
 2059, pa.  
 381.]

WHEREAS it has heretofore been provided by law, that the  
 respective purchasers of town lots in the towns of Erie, Franklin,  
 Warren and Waterford, should, within two years from and after the  
 day of sale, erect and build one house at least sixteen feet square,  
 and containing at least one brick or stone chimney, on each and  
 every town lot by them respectively purchased; and that without  
 due proof of such improvement the Governor should not grant or  
 issue any patent: And whereas, provision has also been heretofore  
 made, for allowing persons who have purchased any lot or lots in  
 the second and third divisions of the town of Erie, to take a lot or  
 lots in the first division of the said town, at the same price they  
 purchased them at the former sales, and that all those who have  
 paid for or improved any forfeited lot or lots, shall have a pre-emp-  
 tion to the said lot or lots, at the price they sold at former sales;  
 provided he, she or they, did apply within three months after the  
 eleventh of April last, and pay for the same.

But whereas, no provision was made to dispense with the im-  
 provement heretofore required by law, to be erected in case of  
 making such change of lots, or complying with the said terms of  
 pre-emption, and it appears expedient that the said improvements  
 should be dispensed with, and further time allowed for securing the  
 said pre-emption: Therefore,

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Repeal of improvement clauses, as to lots in Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford.

Pre-emption continued in favour of purchasers in those towns.

**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 so much of any law as imposes upon any person or persons who have purchased, or shall hereafter purchase, any lot or lots in the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford, the condition of improving the same, and prohibits the issuing of any patent or patents, unless proof of such improvement be first made, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.*

[**SECT. II.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That any person or persons, who have paid any money for, or improved, any forfeited lot or lots in the said towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren or Waterford, shall have a pre-emption to said lot or lots, at the prices they sold for at former sales; provided he, she or they apply within twelve months after the passing of this act, and pay for the same.*] (s)

Passed 19th February, 1800.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 97.

(s) This act was continued for one year from 26th February, 1801, by act of that date, (post, chap. 2189.) The act is however retained, as titles may yet remain to be completed under it.

### CHAPTER MMXCVII.

*An ACT to enable the owners and possessors of a certain tract of marsh meadow, situate on the west side of Darby creek, and adjoining to the river Delaware, in the township of Ridley, in the 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.** [MANAGERS and Treasurer of the meadow on Darby creek, how chosen. 2. Penalty for refusing to act as manager, and proceedings thereon. 3. Duty of the Treasurer. 4. Manner of supporting the meadow banks, &c. of the company. 5, 6. Power of the Managers. 7. Width of ditches and drains prescribed. 8. Power of the Managers, in directing repairs, &c. 9. Width of drains from Stone creek to Crum creek. 10. Remedy for persons aggrieved, by arbitration. 11. Orders of the Managers to be paid by the Treasurer. 12. Punishment for injuries done to the premises, by indictment. 13. Power to enforce assessments on owners of meadow land. 14. Compensation of the managers. 15. Repeal of part of former laws, so far as they relate to this meadow.]

Passed 26th Feb'y, 1800.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. pa. 99.

### CHAPTER MMXCIX.

*An ACT for dividing the city of Philadelphia into wards, and allowing an additional inspector to each of the said wards, and for other purposes.*

**WHEREAS** from the increased population of the city of Philadelphia, and the unequal division of the same into wards, great in-