

authorities hereby granted to the said corporation or any of them. create or cause a forfeiture thereof, nor shall the constitution of the said school hereby established be ever altered or alterable by any by-law or ordinance of the said trustees or in any other manner than by an act of the legislature of this state; but the same constitution shall always be construed most beneficially for the said corporation.

[Section II.] (Section IX, P. L.) And it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and singular the estate real and personal whatsoever now belonging to and held by any person or persons whatsoever for the use of the said school of Germantown shall be and the same is by force of this act transferred to and vested in the trustees of the public school of Germantown in the county of Philadelphia, and their successors forever, for the use of the last mentioned school, and that it shall and may be lawful for the said trustees to enter into and take possession thereof, and to sue, commence and prosecute all such suits and actions at law for the recovery of all debts and sums of money due, owing and payable to the former trustees of the Germantown school for the use of the said school whether the same be due on bonds, notes or other securities, or by the gift, donation, bequest or promissory subscription of any person or persons whatsoever.

Passed September 15, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 372, etc.
See the Act of Assembly passed September 6, 1786, Chapter 1236.

CHAPTER MCX.

AN ACT TO ENABLE MARCUS HULINGS AND HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS TO ERECT, BUILD AND MAINTAIN A DAM OVER SHEERMAN'S CREEK. IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE SAME CREEK.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas divers inhabitants of Lancaster and Cumberland counties have petitioned the house of assembly of this commonwealth that Marcus Hulings of said county

of Cumberland, should have power and authority to erect, build and maintain a mill dam near the mouth of Sheerman's creek in the said county of Cumberland, agreeable to the laws and regulations of an act of the late province of Pennsylvania, passed the twenty-sixth day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An act for preserving the navigation in Sheerman's creek in the county of Cumberland, and to prevent the destruction of fish in the same,"¹ which same act extends the privilege to those dams then erected or built on said creek:

And whereas a committee of this house were appointed to inquire into the merits of the prayer of the said petition, who have reported in favor of the same:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 the same Marcus Hulings and his heirs and assigns shall have full power and authority to build, erect and maintain the same dam so prayed for agreeable to the rules and regulations of the said act, they and each of them to be subject to the pains and penalties of the said act for the breach of same, any law, usage or custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Passed September 15, 1784. Recorded L. B. No. 2, p. 369, etc.

CHAPTER MCXI.

AN ACT FOR THE MORE SPEEDY RESTORING THE POSSESSION OF CERTAIN MESSUAGES, LANDS AND TENEMENTS IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY TO THE PERSONS WHO LATELY HELD THE SAME.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas several persons at or near Wyoming in the county of Northumberland were in the month of May last violently dispossessed of the messuages, lands and tenements which they then occupied and which are still detained

¹ Passed February 26, 1773, Chapter 674.