

or any one of them taking to their or his assistance two reputable freeholders of the said district, shall on or before the first Saturday in March in every year from and after the passing of this act, settle the accounts of the supervisors and allow them every reasonable charge, a fair statement of which accounts, shall be published in hand bills, in three or more of the most public places in the district aforesaid (and published in one or more of the newspapers which are most in circulation in the said district) and if any of the said supervisors shall refuse or neglect to settle their accounts as aforesaid, they and each of them refusing or neglecting shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds over and above the balance which may be found in his or their hands, to be recovered as debts under ten pounds are by law recoverable, to be applied for the purpose of carrying this act into execution.

[Section XIII.] (Section XIV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every clause, matter and thing contained in the said act to which this is a supplement which is contradictory or repugnant to or in anywise altered by this act, be and the same is hereby repealed, annulled and made void and of no force and effect whatever.

Passed October 4, 1788. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 430.

CHAPTER MCCCLXXVII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR REGULATING THE FISHERY IN THE RIVER CONNESTOGA IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASTER."¹

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas since the passing of an act for regulating the fishery in the river Connestoga in the county of Lancaster passed the twenty-second day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four it has been found that many means and contrivances not guarded against in the said

¹Passed January 22, 1774, Chapter 694.

law have been used, whereby the fish have been obstructed from going up the said river and also whereby the spawn, fry or brood of fish have been destroyed or spoiled:

Wherefore, for remedying such mischiefs and for the more easy and effectual recovery of fines and forfeitures in this act mentioned.

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it 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 if any person or persons whatsoever from and after the passing of this act shall use or practice any of the means specified in the said act to which this is a supplement to obstruct the said fish from going up the said river or destroy or spoil any spawn, fry or brood of fish, of any kind whatsoever or shall, by using any sweep net, draw net, draught net, cast net, stalker, sturchel or shove net or nets of any other name or description, or who shall use any seine or seines (except for taking of shad in due season) in the said river below the mouth of Muddy creek, for the taking of fish, every person so offending being thereof legally convicted by the oath or affirmation of one or more witnesses or by his or her own confession before any justices of the county of Lancaster, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds lawful money of this commonwealth for every such offence or suffer two months imprisonment without bail or mainprize, one moiety of which forfeiture shall be paid to the informer or prosecutor and the other moiety to the overseers of the poor of the township or borough where such offender shall reside. Provided always nevertheless, That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed or understood to deprive or hinder any person or persons from drawing a seine or net for the taking of shad fish from the fifteenth day of April to the twenty-fifth day of May in every year in any part of the river of Connestoga. And provided also, That if either the prosecutor or person charged with an offense against this act or the act to which this is a supplement shall be aggrieved by the judgment of the said jus-

tice, then and in such case either party may appeal to the next general quarter sessions of the peace who are to hear and determine the said appeal.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the aforesaid act as relates to the forfeiture and imprisonment mentioned in the second section of the aforesaid act to which this is a supplement be and is hereby repealed and made null and void, anything to the contrary thereof in the said section contained [notwithstanding].

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the person or persons who shall hereafter prosecute in the name of the commonwealth any person offending against this act or the act to which this is a supplement, shall and may be a legal witness to prove such offence either before the justice or on an appeal, notwithstanding he, she or they are to receive one half of the forfeiture as aforesaid.

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CHAPTER MCCCLXXVIII.

AN ACT TO GRANT THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN POUNDS TEN SHILLINGS TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM ROSS IN CONSIDERATION OF HIS SERVICES TO THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Captain William Ross of the county of Luzerne hath manifested on every requisite occasion a zealous attachment to the government of Pennsylvania and hath been frequently called upon to support the laws of the state in the said county and been employed in suppressing insurrections and checking the violent and lawless proceedings of certain insurgents and rioters who have on many occasions disturbed the peace of the said county and in an attempt to take certain [persons] in the said county who, in violation of