

to erect a dam or dams, from erecting 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 owners 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.

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CHAPTER MMCVII.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE SEVERAL ACTS RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING TOWN AND OUT LOTS, AND SELLING THE SAME, WITHIN THE RESERVED TRACTS ADJOINING ERIE, FRANKLIN, WARREN AND WATERFORD.¹

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-emption 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.

¹See Act of April 18, 1795, Chapter 1856, and Act of April 11, 1799, Chapter 2080.

But whereas, no provision was made to dispense with the improvement 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:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) 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 town 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.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) 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.

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CHAPTER MMCVIII.

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 FLOODGATES IN REPAIR, AND TO RAISE A FUND TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES THEREOF.

Whereas there is a certain tract or parcel of marsh and meadow land, situate in the township of Ridley, in the county of Delaware, commonly known by the name of the District of