county of Mercer, allowing them a reasonable compensation for their services and expenses therein, to be paid by the treasurer of the county of Crawford out of any monies which have been or may be assessed, levied and collected within the county of Mercer.

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CHAPTER MMCCCLXXVIII.

AN ACT DECLARING THE WEST AND WESTERN MOST BRANCHES OF SCHUYLKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERKS, PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

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 from and after the passing of this act, the west branch of Schuylkill from its junction with the north branch up the same to Thomas Reed's saw-mill, and thence five miles higher up said stream; and the westernmost branch from its junction with the last mentioned stream, six miles up the same, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be public highways, under the limitations and restrictions hereinafter specified; and it shall and may be lawful for any person desirous of improving or using the navigation of said west or westernmost branches of Schuylkill to remove thereout all obstructions except mill-dams already built, at which dams the persons aforesaid, shall have full power to make slopes thereon, and keep the same in repair for ever for the passage of rafts.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) 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 west or westernmost branches of Schuylkill, who before the passing of this act had authority under the law of this commonwealth to erect a dam, from erecting any such dam or dams, that he, she or

1803] The Statutes at Large of Pennsylvania.

they may think proper: Provided always, that every such dam be so constructed with a proper slope or slopes, erected in the most convenient parts thereof, so that rafts may not be obstructed in passing down the said waters; which slope shall be at least thirty-five feet wide, and be one foot lower than the other parts of such dam, the surface whereof shall be made of wood or other materials well compacted together, so that none of the water may be lost in passing down the same; and for every foot such slope shall be in height it shall extend fifteen feet down the stream.

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CHAPTER MMCCCLXXIX.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ES-TABLISH THE JUDICIAL COURTS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH" (').

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 the president and judges of the court of common pleas in the county of Chester shall be authorised and they are hereby required, to hold two additional courts of common pleas in the said county, for trying and arguing civil causes, and for doing and transacting all other business usually done and transacted in the said court, which courts shall continue each one week, and commence respectively on the first Monday in April, and on the third Monday in October annually.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force until the first day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and six.

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