

natural and artificial obstructions which may be in the same, excepting bridges, dams for mills and other waterworks; *and* Proviso. *provided also*, that any person or persons owning or possessing lands on said creek, shall have liberty to construct a dam or dams across the same, agreeably and subject to all the restrictions and provisions of the act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and three, entitled, "An act to authorize any person or persons owning any lands adjoining navigable streams of water, declared public highways, to erect dams upon such streams for mills and other waterworks."

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

### CHAPTER CXLVII.

An ACT granting to Andrew Finley two tracts of donation land.

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 the land officers be and they are hereby directed to draw and patent two tracts of donation land containing two hundred acres each, to Andrew Finley, of Westmoreland county, formerly a lieutenant in the army of the United States, in the revolutionary war.

Two tracts of donation land granted to Andrew Finley.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

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### CHAPTER CXLVIII.

An ACT for the sale and settlement of the undrawn donation land, the property of this commonwealth.

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 any person who has previous to the passing of this act, made an improvement and actual settlement on a tract of donation

Donation land undrawn and improved for three years shall be pa-

tented to the settler under certain conditions.

land, which shall be and remain undrawn on the first day of October next, and has resided thereon with his family for three successive years, immediately preceding the passing of this act, and cleared, fenced, and cultivated at least ten acres thereof; and any person who shall, after the first day of October next, make an improvement and actual settlement on an undrawn tract of said land, by erecting thereon a dwelling house fit for the habitation of man, and shall reside thereon with a family for three years from the date of such settlement, and clear, fence, and cultivate at least ten acres thereof, and shall prove by the oaths or affirmations of two disinterested witnesses taken before a judge or justice of the peace of the county where the land lies, that the improvement, settlement, and residence as aforesaid, are completed, and pay into the state treasury one dollar and fifty cents per acre, with interest from three years after their settlement, with the usual fees of office, the secretary of the land office shall issue a patent for such tract; *provided*, that no patent shall issue unless the said applicant shall produce a certificate from the deputy-surveyor of the proper county, certifying the number of the tract, the number of acres in the same, and that said tract has been duly surveyed by him according to the original lines and boundaries marked on the same.

Proviso:

First settler to have the preference,

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the first settlement made and continued, or which hereafter shall be made and continued, shall give an inception of title to the person so settling the same.

Surveyor general to make out a list of undrawn donation land for the secretary of the Land Office:

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That immediately after the passing of this act, it shall be the duty of the surveyor general to make out and transmit to the secretary of the land office a list of all the donation land which shall at that time remain undrawn, designating the districts, the number of the tract, and the number of acres therein contained, which shall be free to the examination of all persons concerned; and cause the same, together with this act to be published in one of the public papers printed at the seat of government, at Pittsburg, Mercer, Meadville, and Beaver, respectively, for three weeks successively after the passing of this act.

and have the same published, &c.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

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