

six advertisements in the most public places in and near said towns respectively, one half of the town lots in Coudersport and Smithport, belonging to the said counties respectively, and apply the proceeds thereof respectively, when it shall appear to them necessary, to the improvement of the streets and alleys in the said town plots, and to such other purposes as the said commissioners shall deem most useful to the interests of the said counties; and the accounts of the said commissioners respectively, shall be settled by the auditors of the proper county in the usual manner; and the remaining half of the said town lots shall be withheld from sale until the said counties respectively shall have been organized for judicial purposes.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this act, it shall be the duty of any two justices of the peace within the counties of Potter and M'Kean, to administer the necessary oaths of office to the constables of said counties, and take bail from them in the same manner that the courts of quarter sessions of the peace of the respective counties within this Commonwealth are by the existing laws authorised and required to do, all which proceedings shall be duly certified by such justices, and returned by them to the prothonotaries office of the proper county: *Provided,* That this act shall not continue in force any longer than until the said counties of Potter and M'Kean shall be organized for judicial purposes.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the  
House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

## CHAPTER CXXXVIII.

### AN ACT

To improve the navigation of the Allegheny river, Conowango creek and French creek.

SECT. 1. *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*

\$1,000 appropriated for improving the Allegheny river and Conowango creek.

same, That one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of improving that part of the Allegheny river which lies below the town of Franklin, and six hundred dollars for that part of said river which lies between Franklin and the state line; and two hundred dollars for that part of Conowango creek, which lies between its junction with the Allegheny river and the state line; and eight hundred dollars for French creek, one half thereof to be expended on that part of French creek which lies between Franklin and Meadville, and the other half to be expended on that part of French creek between Meadville and Waterford.

Agents for expending the said \$1,000.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That William Porterfield, John M'Calmont, junior, John M'Kinney, John Martin, junior, Richard Patch, be, and they are hereby appointed agents to lay out the money hereby appropriated; William Porterfield for that part of the Allegheny river below Franklin, John M'Calmont, junior, for that part of said river above Franklin, John M'Kinney for Conowango creek, John Martin, junior, for that part of French creek between Franklin and Meadville, and Richard Patch for that part of French creek above Meadville, and previous to entering upon the duties assigned to them by virtue of this act, they shall severally enter into bonds to the Commonwealth, in double the sums appropriated for the sections aforesaid respectively, with approved sureties, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the same; and the said agents respectively, are hereby required to lay out the money hereby granted, in the manner best conducive to obtain the object of this act, by cutting the fallen timber, and removing the rocks and gravel bars from the channels.

Compensation for agents.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said agents shall each be entitled to receive, as their sole compensation, the sum of two dollars per day for every day necessarily spent by them in performing their duties, as such they shall not be concerned, directly or indirectly, in their private capacities, in any contract made by virtue of this act; and they shall make, under oath or affirmation, a particular and detailed account of their proceedings in the business to, and shall settle their accounts in the usual manner with, the accountant department, and the auditor general is hereby required to exhibit the statement to the Legislature at its next session after the said accounts shall have been settled.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.