

CHAPTER CLXV.

An ACT declaring the west and westernmost branches of Schuylkill, in the county of Berks, public highways.

Section 1. **B**E 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

Parts of the west & westernmost branches of the Schuylkill made public highways,

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 herein after 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.

slopes to be made on mill-dams already built for the passage of rafts.

Sec. 2. *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

Nothing here-in to affect the right of any person acquired before the passing of this act to erect a dam or dams:

* *Schuylkill* in the original.

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this commonwealth to erect a dam, from erecting any such dam or dams, that he, she or they may think proper: *Provided always,* That every such dam be so constructed with a proper slope or slopes, erected in the most convenient part thereof, so that rafts may not be obstructed in passing down the said waters; which slope shall be at least thirty 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.

Provided the proper slope is made, &c.

Dimensions of such slope.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—April the first, 1803:

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER CLXVI.

A further SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled
“*An act to establish the judicial courts of*
“*this Commonwealth.*”

Section 1. **B**E 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 Court of common pleas in