

CHAPTER LXVIII.

An ACT to prevent Swine running at large within the township of Kingston, in the county of Luzerne.

WHEREAS the owners of lands in the township of Kingston, in the county of Luzerne, have heretofore sustained great damage and spoil in their meadows and cornfields, by swine running at large: And whereas the extension of the laws of this commonwealth, made to prevent the running of swine at large to the county aforesaid, has been found inadequate to a redress of the grievance by reason of the impracticability of keeping and supporting a sufficient fence or fences to prevent the trespassing of swine in that part of the aforesaid township, bounded by the west bank of the Susquehanna river, in consequence of the frequent inundations of the same: For remedy whereof,

SECTION 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,

No hogs, &c. to run at large in Kingston township. Hogs trespassing may be taken up.

Proceeding to be had thereupon.

That from and after the first day of April next, it shall not be lawful for any swine, hogs, shoats or pigs, to go at large in the township of Kingston, in the county of Luzerne, whether yoked and ringed, or not; therefore, if any person shall find trespassing on his, her or their lands, within the limits of the township aforesaid, any swine, hog or hogs, shoat or shoats, or pigs, it shall and may be lawful for him, her or them, all such swine, hogs, shoats or pigs, to take, drive and carry away, or cause to be taken, driven or carried away, and being so taken or carried away, the said takers shall forthwith acquaint the nearest justice of the peace thereof, and being by him legally attested that the said swine were taken trespassing as aforesaid, the said justice shall immediately appoint and order two disinterested persons of the neighbourhood, to make a just and reasonable appraisement of the damage done by the trespassing of the said swine, and the same being so made, to return to the said justice as soon as conveniently may be thereafter.

Justice to give notice of the appraisement.

And in what manner. How and within what time the owner may recover his hogs. And on what conditions.

SECT. II And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of such justice of the peace within three days, next following the return of such appraisement to him made, to give public notice by three or more written or printed advertisements set up in three of the most public places in said township, designating particularly the number, marks, color and appraisement of all such swine, and by whom taken up, to the end, that the owner or owners may have notice thereof, and if the said owner or owners shall apply to the said justice within five days thereafter, and pay into his office the amount at which the damages were estimated by the said appraisers, together with the sum of fifty cents, to be paid to each of the appraisers, and the sum of twenty-five cents to the said justice, as a fee for his trouble therein, and also a reasonable compensation to the per-

son or persons taking up such swine for their keeping, the said justice shall issue a notice to the person taking up such swine, requiring him or her to deliver forthwith all such swine, so by him or her taken up as aforesaid, to the said owner or owners, and upon neglect or refusal for the space of three days after demand made as aforesaid, he she or they shall forfeit to the owner or owners, any sum not exceeding double the value of the swine, to be recovered for the use of the said owner or owners, before any justice of the peace, as debts and demands not exceeding one hundred dollars are now recoverable, with like right to appeal as in other cases, but if no owner or owners shall appear and make claim to such swine, within five days after the setting up the advertisements herein before directed, it shall be the duty of the said justice to order and direct the person or persons taking up such swine, to make sale of the same by public vendue or outcry, giving at least five days notice of the time and place of sale, and to make return of the monies arising from such sale to the said justice, who shall thereupon pay to the person or persons taking up such swine, the amount at which the damages to him, her or them were estimated by the said appraisers, as also the sum of fifty cents, to each of the said appraisers, and retain the sum of twenty-five cents for his trouble therein, and the residue of the money arising from the said sale, shall be retained by the said justice for the space of twelve months, next following the said sale, and if not called for within that time by the owner or owners of the said swine, he shall pay the same to the supervisors of the roads and highways, for the repair of the roads of the said township, and the owner or owners of all such swine shall be thereupon debarred from any claim or right to the same, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty for neglecting to deliver up the swine upon tender of satisfaction, &c.

If no owner appears, the swine to be sold.

Notice to be given. Appropriation of the proceeds.

Surplus if unclaimed within one year how appropriated

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

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

APPROVED—the nineteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXIX.

An ACT for the benefit of John Ritter and Charles Kessler.

WHEREAS it appears to the legislature, that John Ritter and Charles Kessler, printers, of Reading in Berks county, did deliver for the use of the commonwealth, one thousand copies of Read's Digest in the German language, and that they bestowed thereon more labour than was required of them by the law authorizing the printing of the said Digest in the language aforesaid. And whereas it also appears that the aforesaid