

tion of said creek, to remove all natural and artificial obstructions from the bed or channel of the aforesaid creek, excepting dams for mills, and other water-works; and to erect such slopes or locks; and to keep the same in repair at the mill dams now built as may be necessary for the passage of rafts, boats and other vessels, provided such slopes or locks be so constructed as not to injure the said dams.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this act contained shall be deemed, taken, or construed to prevent any person or persons possessing lands on said creek, who before the passing of this act had authority under the laws of this commonwealth to erect a dam, from erecting any such dam or dams that he, she or they may think proper; *Provided always,* That such dams be so constructed and kept in repair as that there may be a slope to each dam at least twenty-five feet in width, extending three times the distance down the creek, that such dam may be in perpendicular height and sufficient for the passage of boats and rafts.

Possessors of land on said creek authorized to erect dams under a proviso.

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

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

APPROVED—the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

SIMON SNYDER,

## CHAPTER LXV.

### *An ACT granting an annuity to Thomas Hill.*

WHEREAS it appears to the legislature that Thomas Hill was regularly discharged from the Pennsylvania line at the close of the revolutionary war, and that while in the military service of his country he received an injury in his knee from which, combined, with the infirmities of age, he is rendered totally unable to procure a subsistence by labour; Therefore,

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 state treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay to Thomas Campbell of York county, forty dollars out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury, to be applied to the use of Thomas Hill, and that an annuity of forty dollars be granted to the said Thomas Hill, to be paid half yearly during his life to the said Thomas Campbell of said county, his executor or executors, administrator or administrators, his or their lawful attorney, by the state treasurer out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury, to commence the first day of January,

Gratuity of 40 dollars granted to Thomas Hill, and 40 dollars annuity payable half yearly to Thomas Campbell &c. for the use of the said T. Hill.

Thomas Campbell &c. to account to the orphans' court, for the execution of the trust &c.

one thousand eight hundred and eleven, which annuity shall be expended by the said Thomas Campbell, his executor or executors, administrator or administrators, his, or their lawful attorney, in providing necessaries for the said Thomas Hill. And it shall be and hereby is made the duty of the said Thomas Campbell, his executor or executors, administrator or administrators, or his, or their lawful attorney to make an annual return to the orphans' court of York county, on oath or affirmation, in what manner he or they have executed the trust reposed in him or them by this act.

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

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

APPROVED - the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER LXVI.

An ACT establishing an academy in the town of Meadville in Crawford county, and granting a sum of money thereto.

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 same, That there shall be, and hereby is established in the town of Meadville, in Crawford county, an academy or public school for the education of youth in the English and other languages, in the useful arts, sciences and literature, by the name, style and title of the "Meadville Academy," under the care, direction and government of six trustees, viz. David Mead, Thomas Atkinson, T. R. Kennedy, Henry Hurst, William McArthur and John Brooks; which said trustees and their successors to be elected as herein mentioned, shall be and hereby are declared to be one body politic and corporate in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of the "Trustees of the Meadville Academy," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of record and elsewhere, and shall be competent and capable in law and equity to take and to hold to them and their successors, for the use of said academy, lands, tenements hereditaments, goods and chattels of whatsoever kind nature or quality, real personal or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise or bequest, from any person or persons whomsoever capable of making the same, and the same from time to time to grant, bargain, sell, demise, alien or dispose of for the use of said academy, and to erect such

Academy established at Meadville.

Its style. Trustees named.

Erected into a body politic and corporate.

Their privileges.