

all times safely navigate the said locks or sluices, in or near the said creek, the president, managers and company shall for each and every such offence, pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered in the same manner as debts of equal amount are by law made recoverable before a justice of the peace, of the proper county where the offence shall be committed, one half to the use of the informer, and the other half shall be paid to the directors of the poor and house of employment of the county of Bucks.

And how to be recovered.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person or persons whatsoever shall wilfully and knowingly do any act or thing whatsoever whereby the said navigation or any lock, gate, engine, machine or device thereto belonging, shall be injured or damaged, or shall commit any wilful trespass, or take, carry away, or conceal any engine device, machine, or instrument used in or about the said locks, or shall open, or cause the said locks or gates to be opened, or attempt so to do, or pass or repass the same without the knowledge or consent of the superior tenant or manager of the said canal, he, she or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the said incorporated company, their tenant or tenants agent or agents, fourfold the cost and damages by him or them sustained, by means of such known and wilful act, together with costs of suit to be recovered as debts of equal amount are or may be by law recoverable.

Penalty for injuring the works of the said company,

Or opening any of the gates &c.

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the company hereby incorporated, shall at any time hereafter, misuse or abuse any of the chartered privileges hereby granted, then in any or either of these cases, the legislature may at any time thereafter resume all and singular the rights, liberties and franchises hereby granted to the said company.

In what cases the charter of the company shall become null, &c.

JOHN ST. CLAIR, *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 fourteen.

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CHAPTER CXXI.

An ACT to promote the comfort of the poor.

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 after the first day of September next, the following articles owned by, or in the possession of any debtor shall be, and hereby are exempted from levy or sale on any execution, or other legal

What property of a debtor shall be exempt from execution, &c.

process, which may be issued against such debtor for debts, rent excepted, which shall have been contracted after said first day of September, that is to say, household utensils, not exceeding in value fifteen dollars; the necessary tools of a tradesman, not exceeding in value twenty dollars; all wearing apparel, two beds and the necessary bedding, one cow and a spinning wheel.

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CHAPTER CXXII.

An ACT for the relief of Insolvent debtors.

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 after the first day of September next, shall be in actual confinement in any jail in this commonwealth, on mesne or final process, for the recovery of money or damages, without any collusion with the plaintiff or plaintiffs, or who shall be so confined for the non-performance of any decree or sentence, for the payment of money, and who shall have resided within this state for six months immediately preceding such confinement, may apply by petition in writing to the court of common pleas of the county wherein he shall be confined, and offer to deliver up to the use of his creditors, all his property, real, personal and mixed, to which he is in any manner entitled; a schedule whereof, (on oath or affirmation) together with a list of his creditors and the nature and amount of their debts as far as he can ascertain the same, with a statement of his losses and the means whereby he became insolvent, shall be exhibited with and annexed to his petition; and thereupon the court may direct fifteen or more days personal notice of such application to be given to the creditors or so many of them as can be served therewith, or direct notice of such application to be published in one or more public newspapers, for such time as the court may think proper; and at the time and place appointed for hearing the petitioner and his creditors, may administer to him the following oath or affirmation: "I, A. B. do swear (or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm) that I will deliver up and transfer to my trustee or trustees for the use of my creditors, all my property that I have or claim any title to or interest in at this time, and all debts, rights and claims which I have at this time, or that I am in any respect entitled to, in possession, reversion or re-

Insolvent debtors may petition the courts in certain cases.

And deliver up their property.

When the court shall give notice to the creditors, &c.

Form of oath to be taken by debtors.