

court of common pleas in this Commonwealth at present may or can do, by virtue of an act of Assembly, entitled "An act for the better securing personal liberty, and preventing wrongful imprisonments."

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

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

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CHAPTER LXXXV.

AN ACT

To improve the navigation of the river Delaware.

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 Jacob Mixsell, of the borough of Easton, and Lewis S. Coryell and colonel John Kinsey, of the county of Bucks, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, who shall have power, and it shall be their duty to cause to be removed all obstructions which impede or injure the navigation of the river Delaware, and to commence at the head of the "foul rift" in Northampton county, to the falls at the Trenton Delaware bridge, and for that purpose to employ suitable persons to perform the said work.*

Commissioners named.

Where improvements to be made.

\$10,000 appropriated to remove obstructions.

Bond to be given.

Warrant to be drawn for \$5,000.

Commissioners named to inspect the improvements,

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of removing the said obstructions; and when the said commissioners shall have given bond, with sufficient sureties, to the Governor, for the faithful application of the said sum, he shall, on or before the first Monday in May next, draw his warrant on the state treasurer in favor of said commissioners, for the sum of five thousand dollars, and as soon as the said commissioners shall have expended the said sum of five thousand dollars, William Erwin, of Bucks county, and William Barnet, of Northampton county, shall view the several places whereon the said five thousand dollars have been expended, who are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose, and if in their opinion the monies*

have been judiciously expended, they shall, under their hands, make a report to the Governor, and in case the report shall be favourable (and not otherwise) he shall draw his warrant for the further sum of five thousand dollars, in favor of said commissioners, for the same purpose, on or at any time after the first Monday of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and as soon as may be after the expenditure of the last mentioned five thousand dollars, the same proceedings shall be had by the commissioners hereby appointed to view the work done, and the expenditure of the money, as is provided in the preceding part of this section; and the commissioners appointed by this act to expend the aforesaid appropriation, shall not be released from the penalty in the bond mentioned, until a favorable report shall be made to the Governor, agreeably to the provisions in this act contained, and until the objects of this act shall be completed; the said commissioners shall annually, in the month of December, furnish on oath or affirmation, to the accountant officers of this Commonwealth, a particular statement and account of all expenditures, who are hereby authorised and required to settle the same in the usual manner.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in case of the death, resignation, inability or refusal to serve of either or any of the said commissioners, the Governor is hereby authorised to appoint another commissioner or commissioners in his or their stead, who shall give the same security, perform the same services, and receive the same compensation as the commissioners named in this act.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said commissioners shall each be entitled to receive two dollars per day for every day necessarily employed in performing the duties enjoined on them by this act.

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## CHAPTER LXXXVI.

### AN ACT

For the purpose of improving the navigation of the Susquehanna river.

WHEREAS the improvement of the navigation of the Susquehanna river, is an object of importance to the public at