

No. 199.

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To extend the act of fifteenth March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in relation to obstructing Big Brokenstraw creek, in Warren county, and to authorize Daniel Bemus to construct a dam in French creek.

SECTION 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 so much of the act passed the fifteenth day of March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in relation to obstructing the Big Brokenstraw creek and its tributaries, in Warren county, and the same is hereby extended to that portion of the Tionesta creek passing through Forest and Venango counties. Certain act extended to a portion of Tionesta creek.

SECTION 2. That Daniel Bemus, of Crawford county, his heirs and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to construct and erect such dam or dams as he or they may deem advisable, in French creek, on his or their own land, in Crawford county, with the exclusive right to the said Bemus, his heirs and assigns, of drawing off the water of French creek, and of constructing races, sluices, canals, waste weirs, &c., for milling purposes, or otherwise, as he or they may deem necessary, and of using, leasing or selling the rights to use the same: *Provided*, That said Bemus, his heirs or assigns, shall erect a schute or lock so as not in any wise to impede or obstruct the navigation of said creek: *And provided also*, That he or they pay all damages to private property, taking into view and consideration the advantages and conveniences to all persons claiming damages for injuries done to their individual property, caused by the erection or construction and maintenance of said dams, and all races, and water ways, or water weirs useful to or appertaining to the said water powers created: *Provided further*, That the said Bemus, his heirs or assigns, may sell, lease, mortgage, or pledge the said improvements, or privileges, or any part thereof, for the construction, improvements, or benefits of the same, or otherwise: *Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall be subject to the provisions of an act, entitled "An Act to promote the free navigation of French creek," passed the tenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine. Daniel Bemus, his heirs and assigns, authorized to construct a dam or dams in French creek.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE DARSIE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.