

further to build, or cause to be built thereon, a good wharf, and a pier, for the use of the public. 1768.

III. And the said County Commissioners for the time being, or a majority of them, with the approbation of any three Justices of the Peace for said county, are hereby enjoined and required, for ever hereafter, to have the care, direction and management of the said landing, in letting the same out to any person or persons, for the purposes of repairing and improving the same from time to time, for ever hereafter, as the said Commissioners and Justices, or a majority of them for the time being, may judge most for the public good.

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the same,  
&c.

IV. And whereas the Honourable the Proprietaries of the province of Pennsylvania have continued Callowhill-street, in the Northern-Liberties aforesaid, into the river Delaware, and as a public landing place at the end of the same street may hereafter prove very advantageous and beneficial to the public, *Be it therefore further enacted*, That the said County Commissioners, or a majority of them, with the consent and approbation of any three Justices of the Peace of the county aforesaid, shall for ever hereafter have the same power and authority, for the improving and letting the same landing place at the end of Callowhill-street aforesaid, for the uses and purposes aforesaid, as to them are hereby given and granted with respect to the landing place, nearly opposite to the said barracks, hereby intended to be purchased.

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improve the  
landing at  
the end of  
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street.

Passed 20th February, 1768.—Recorded A. vol. V. page 231.

## CHAPTER DLXXXVI.

*An ACT for incorporating the society, known by the name and style of The Philadelphia Contributionship, for the insuring of houses from loss by fire, to ratify and confirm the articles of agreement of the contributors, and to enable them to make suitable bye-laws, for the better management and prosecution of their said design.*

[THE society is incorporated by the name in the title. 2. All debts due to the society, to be sued for in their corporate name. 3. Powers and duties of the directors prescribed. 4. General meeting of the contributors to be held yearly on the second Monday in April, or oftener, if the directors, or a majority of them think fit, or if twenty contributors, insuring to the value of £.10,000, shall require it, fifteen days public notice to be given, &c. 5. Twelve directors and a treasurer to be chosen yearly, by the contributors, at the April meeting, and the mode of election prescribed. 6. The duties of the treasurer prescribed, to give security, which the directors are enjoined and required to see duly given, or in default thereof to be accountable for his conduct and demeanor in office. 7. The directors to meet as often as they think proper, but at least once a month, on the first Tuesday in each month, and the proceedings of a majority to be valid; but if a director or the treasurer should die, remove out of the province, or refuse or neglect to act, or for two calendar months wholly omit to attend to the business of

1768. the society, the directors, or a majority, may choose another in his room; all the directors acting to have due previous notice of such intended election; and such choice being confirmed by a second meeting of said directors, the person so elected shall be director, or treasurer, until the next annual election. 8. Directors empowered to lend money on mortgage, &c. 9. The directors to be indemnified by the contributors for signing policies, and all lawful acts; and the joint stock, in the first instance, to be appropriated to that purpose; and no director to be answerable for the defaults, neglects, or misdeeds of the others of them.]

Passed 20th February, 1768.—Private Act.—Recorded A. vol. V. page 238.

### CHAPTER DLXXVII.

*An ACT to enable the owners and possessors of a certain tract of marsh and meadow land, therein described, situate in the county of Chester, to keep the banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expenses thereof.*

Passed 20th February, 1768.—Private Act.—Recorded A. vol. V. page 243.

### CHAPTER DLXXVIII.

*An ACT for regulating the fishery in the river Brandywine.*

WHEREAS it hath been represented to the Assembly, by petition from a number of the freeholders of the county of Chester, that live on or near the river called Brandywine, that their ancestors, themselves, and the poor adjacent inhabitants, have formerly enjoyed great advantages from the fishery in the same river; and although no person owning lands below the fork or main branches can claim any right, by survey, to the lands covered with the waters thereof, yet divers persons have erected dams across the said river, to the almost total obstruction of the fish running up the same: Wherefore, for remedying the mischiefs aforesaid, *Be it enacted, That* all and every person and persons whatsoever, having already erected, or that shall hereafter erect, any mill-dam, or other obstruction, across the said river, below the forks thereof, within this province, shall make, open and leave, the space of nine feet in breadth, near the middle of the said dam, at least fourteen inches lower than any other part thereof, so that there be at least twelve inches depth of water during the months of March, April and May, in every year, constantly running through the same; and for every foot that the dam is or shall be raised perpendicular from the bottom of the said river, there shall be laid a platform, either of stone or timber, or of both, with proper walls on each side, to confine the waters, which shall extend at least four feet down the stream, and of the breadth aforesaid, to form a slope for the waters gradual descent; and that all and every person and persons, who shall refuse or neglect to make or alter his, her or their dams, in the manner directed

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