

issue for any less quantity of land than the whole of any such island; and all sand-bars and islands, not susceptible of cultivation, and not surveyed and returned into the Surveyor-General's office, for the use of the late proprietaries, prior to the fourth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, shall be and remain common highways for ever. 1793.

What islands, &c. are excepted.

SECT. VI. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That when the purchaser shall have made full payment of all the purchase monies of any such islands, it shall be lawful for the Governor to grant him a patent, in the usual form of the Land-Office, vesting the same in him, his heirs and assigns, for ever. When patents to be granted, &c.

SECT. VII. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this act contained shall be construed or taken to bar or defeat any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, of any just right, which he or they may have in or to any of the said islands; but that all and every such right shall be and remain of the like force and effect, as if this act had not been made. This act shall not affect any existing right to the islands.

Passed 6th March, 1793.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 53.

CHAPTER MDCL.

A SUPPLEMENT to an act, declaring Little Lehigh and Poco Poco, or Big creek, in Northampton county, public highways. [Original act, chap. 1612. antc. pa. 70.]

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 Poco Poco, or Big creek, in Northampton county, is hereby declared a public highway, from the falls thereof, inclusive, up to Jan Sherbantje's mill dam. Part of Poco Poco, or Big creek declared a highway.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the owner or owners of the lands on the part of said creek hereby declared a public highway, who were, before the passing of this act, entitled to erect a dam or dams on the same, shall have liberty to erect a dam or dams across the said creek, and to maintain and keep the same in good repair for ever: *Provided always,* That the said owner or owners for ever do maintain and keep in good order, in a convenient part of said dam or dams, an opening of at least twenty-five feet wide, with a sloping way, through which rafts may at all times safely and conveniently pass: *And it is hereby expressly enacted and declared,* That if the provisions and limitations before mentioned are not at all times duly attended to and observed by the said parties, respectively, then this enacting clause shall be void, and of no effect to the party or parties so neglecting, any thing herein contained notwithstanding. Who may maintain dams across the creek; and on what conditions.

Passed 6th March, 1793.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 55:

CHAPTER MDCLIII.

An ACT to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for the purpose of promoting the cultivation of vines, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

[COMMISSIONERS appointed, and proceedings regulated for receiving subscriptions for the company for cultivating the vine.

1793. When five hundred shares are subscribed, the Governor to incorporate the company by the name and style of "The President, Managers and Company, for promoting the cultivation of Vines." President and Managers when and how to be chosen; no person to have more than twenty votes. The stock to be transferable, penalty for default in payment of the subscription money. The corporation limited to twenty years, and to proceed to cultivate vines within three years from the date of this act, or privileges to cease.]

Passed 22d March, 1793,—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 56. (g)

(g) Other commissioners appointed to receive subscriptions by a supplement passed 13th January, 1794, (chap. 1694.)

By act passed 7th March, 1800, (chap. 2110.) The act in the text is revived and amended; other commissioners are appointed. The company to proceed to cultivate vines five years after they shall be incorporated, or charter may be resumed, otherwise to continue for twenty years from the date of their charter.

By a supplement to the act of revival, the subscription money may be paid by instalments.

By act of 31st of March, 1806, (chap. 2719,) a lottery was authorized to raise money to pay the debts of the company and promote the object of the association. And, by a supplement passed 23d December, 1808, new commissioners of the lottery were appointed, and the Governor empowered to supply vacancies.

CHAPTER MDCLIV.

An ACT for erecting the township of Mifflin, and part of St. Clair township in the county of Allegheny, into a separate election district, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of the township of Mifflin, and part of St. Clair township, in the county of Allegheny, have, by their petitions, set forth, that they labour under great inconveniences, on account of the distance they live from the place of holding their annual election, and also the difficulty of crossing the Monongahela river: For remedy whereof,

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 Mifflin township, and part of St. Clair township, in the county of Allegheny, beginning at the mouth of Beck's run, on Monongahela river; thence up said river to James Perry's ferry; thence, by Washington county line, to Chartier's creek; thence down said creek, to the house of John Bell; thence, in a direct line, by the house of Nicholas Bausman, to the place of beginning; shall, from and after the passing of this act, be erected into a separate election district in the county aforesaid, called the fifth district in said county; and the freemen of the said fifth district, hereby erected, shall hold their annual elections at the house lately occupied by John Reed, stone-mason, in Mifflin township, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.*

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That where any township or townships within this commonwealth hath or have been, or hereafter shall be divided, in forming any election district, the taxable inhabitants within each part of such divided*

The fifth election district in Allegheny county erected.

How inspectors shall be chosen in certain cases.