

1793. party or parties so convicted, shall be liable to pay a fine, not exceeding fifty pounds, at the discretion of the court.]

Passed 10th April, 1793.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 103.

### CHAPTER MDCLXXIII.

*An ACT to enable the Governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for opening a canal and lock navigation on the waters of Brandywine creek.*

[COMMISSIONERS appointed to open a subscription for the Brandywine canal. Proceedings relative to the subscription. 2. Subscribers when to be incorporated, &c. General powers and privileges of the corporation—3. May establish certain canals on Brandywine creek; ground to be first valued and paid. 4. The course of the canal, &c. to be laid before the Legislature. Proceedings thereon. 5. Proceedings to organize the corporation. 6. Meetings of the corporation; powers and proceedings of such meetings. 7. Meetings of the president and managers. Powers and proceedings of such meetings. 8. Certificates of stock, how to be issued, and transferred. 9. Penalty on neglect to pay the proportions of stock. 10. Managers may take materials from the contiguous ground, indemnifying for damages. 11. Managers may purchase lands, &c. for the canal; and proceedings in case the owners will not agree, or are under legal disabilities, by writ, &c. in nature of a writ of *ad quod damnum*. 12. Proceedings in case the canal crosses a road, or divides the ground so as to require a bridge. 13. Proceedings to establish tolls when the canal is perfected.—Amount of tolls, not to exceed six cents a mile, &c. 14. How the size of rafts, and the tonnage of boats, shall be ascertained and marked. 15. Powers of the collectors of tolls. 16. The managers may take security from the officers of the corporation. 17. Duties of the president, managers, &c. How the number of shares may be increased. 18. Account of tolls to be kept, &c.—Dividends how to be declared. 19. Accounts to be triennially laid before the Legislature; and how the rate of tolls may be increased, or reduced. 20. Amount of the profits limited, &c. 21. Subscribers not to be incorporated, &c. until the state of Delaware shall pass a similar law to vest the authority in subscribers in that state.—Time within which the work must be commenced; and finished. 22. Power of the managers to extend the canal up the creek.

Passed 10th April, 1793.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 92. (1)

(1) The Legislature of Delaware having passed an act corresponding with the act in the text; the time for taking subscriptions was extended and the commissioners directed to return the plan of the canal to the then sitting or next Legislature—by act of 19th March 1794, (chap. 1709.)

But by an act passed 21st Feb'y, 1795, (chap. 1788,) the company was to be incorporated as soon as the state of Delaware should pass an act empowering the subscribers to extend the canal from the line of this state through Delaware state without any diminution of size, &c. until within 30 feet of the

navigable waters of Christiana creek ; and bind the subscribers by said act to provide a mode of carrying goods, &c. to and from said tide water of Christi-

ana creek without any additional expense &c. The report of the commissioners of the plan, &c. of the canal, is by this act approved and confirmed.

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### CHAPTER MDCLXXIV.

*An ACT to authorize Andrew Pierce, of Allegheny county, to keep in repair a mill-dam, across a part of Monongahela river.*

[ANDREW PIERCE allowed to keep a mill-dam on Monongahela river. A lock to be erected, and a canal opened at or near the dam ; and to be kept for ever in repair, &c.]

Passed 11th April, 1793.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 109.

### CHAPTER MDCLXXV.

*An ACT for erecting two separate election districts in the county of Bedford.*

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 the township of Woodbury, in the county of Bedford, shall, from and after the passing of this act, be erected into a separate election district, to be called the seventh district in the county aforesaid ; and the freemen of the said district shall hold their annual elections at the house now occupied by William Hart, in the township and county aforesaid.*

The seventh election district erected.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the township of Cumberland Valley, in the county of Bedford, shall, from and after the passing of this act, be erected into a separate election district, to be called the eighth district in the county aforesaid ; and the freemen of said district shall hold their annual elections at the house now occupied by Peter Bugh, in the township and county aforesaid, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.*

The eighth election district in Bedford county established.

Passed 11th April, 1793.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 149.

### CHAPTER MDCLXXXI.

*A further SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled " An act to regulate the fisheries in the river Schuylkill."*

WHEREAS, in order to improve the navigation of the river Schuylkill, dams have been erected therein, by reason whereof the channel in many places has become very narrow and contracted :  
Therefore,

[For the original and other acts on this subject, see vol. I. p. 235, (chap. 455,) and the note there-to.]