

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.

1793.

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. 1, p. 235, (chap. 455,) and the note there-to.]

1793.

Penalty on obstructing the channel of the river Schuylkill,

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 if any person or persons, from and after the passing of this act, shall set up, fix or fasten any kind of hoop-net, or other net or nets, or other device or obstruction whatsoever, across any navigable channel of the river Schuylkill, whereby the fish may be obstructed from going up the said river, or shall, during his or their fishing in the said river, employ any person or persons to obstruct the fish passing up through the said narrow channels, by riding in the same, or beating the water with poles, every such person or persons, so offending, or who shall be aiding or assisting therein, and being thereof convicted before any Justice of the Peace where he or they shall be apprehended, which Justice is hereby authorized to hear, try and determine the same, shall forfeit the sum of sixty dollars for every such offence, to be paid to the informer or prosecutor, or suffer two months imprisonment; saving to the parties, respectively, the right of appeal from the judgment of said Justice to the next Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the proper county, upon condition that he or they give security to prosecute the same to effect.

Owners of fisheries to register the same with the nearest magistrate, &c.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the owner or owners of fishing places, or parts used as fisheries, within the said river, shall give a particular description of the same, together with their names, to the nearest magistrate on that side of the river where he, she or they shall dwell, who shall enter the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, for which he shall receive the sum of twenty cents, to be paid by such owner or owners thereof; and the said owner or owners shall moreover, during the fishing seasons, have and keep their names written in legible characters on a board, which shall be affixed at the place of drawing out the seine, and exhibited to full view; and any person or persons neglecting or refusing to give a particular description of his, her or their fishing place, and enter his, her or their names, as aforesaid, with the nearest Justice, as aforesaid, or who shall not exhibit his, her or their names on a board, as is before directed, shall, in either case, forfeit the sum of fourteen dollars, to be paid to the informer or prosecutor of such offence, and to be recovered before any Justice of the county where such offence shall be committed; saving the liberty of appeal to such parties, respectively, as is mentioned in the first section of this act.

Penalty on neglect or refusal to do so.

SECT. III. Whereas disputes have arisen between the owners or superintendants of the several bridges on the river Schuylkill, and the owners or persons having the charge of boats or rafts, which have occasion to ascend or descend the said river, with respect to opening the said bridges for the accommodation of the said boats or rafts: And whereas it is necessary that the causes from which those disputes have proceeded should be removed, as far as may be consistent with the interests of the parties and the public at large: Therefore, *Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That, from and after the passing of this act, the owners or superintendants of the several bridges on the river Schuylkill shall, within one hour after

Bridges on the Schuylkill to be opened for rafts, &c.

an application shall be made to such owners or superintendants by an owner or person having the care or direction of a boat or boats, or rafts, open the same for the passage of such boat or boats, or rafts, without fee or reward. 1793.

Passed 11th April, 1793.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 148.

CHAPTER MDCLXXXII.

An ACT for extending the benefits experienced from the institution of the Pennsylvania Hospital.

WHEREAS it appears, from the accounts annually laid before the Legislature, and from other authentic documents, that the institution of the Pennsylvania Hospital hath been extensively useful, not only to the diseased and unfortunate in body and mind, of this state, but to those in like circumstances from other states and countries, and that the limits of the present building are insufficient to receive the number of patients, which, from the increased population of this state, and the intercourse with other states and countries, are daily applying for admission to the benefits of the institution; and from the mode of conduct pursued in the said house by the managers and physicians thereof, the Legislature are firmly persuaded that the grant hereinafter contained will not only meet the approbation of their constituents, but of the friends of humanity throughout the civilized world, to whom a knowledge thereof shall come: And whereas the extending the usefulness of the institution to the further purposes of a lying-in and foundling hospital is deemed to be an object deserving of public encouragement: Therefore, [Grant of twenty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents to the Pennsylvania Hospital, out of the proceeds of the Loan-Office. Certain securities to be transferred; and certain monies to be paid over to the hospital by the State Treasurer. Mode prescribed for applying the grant, by the erection of additional buildings, &c. Accounts to be rendered annually to the Legislature. Obsolete.]

(See vol. 1, page 208, chap. 390, and the note thereto.)

SECT. IV. And whereas the extension of the buildings of the said Pennsylvania Hospital, hereby provided for, will necessarily increase the expense of maintaining the increased number of patients therein to be admitted, and the benevolence of generous and charitable persons, willing to contribute to the support of the institution, ought to be aided by every means in the power of the Legislature, and it is represented that considerable sums of money have for some time remained in the hands of the commissioners of bankrupts, unclaimed by the persons to whom the same respectively belong, and it will afford an additional security to the persons entitled to the same to place them in the hands of a permanent corporate body, subject to such claims: *Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That* the commissioners of bankrupts, appointed by the President of the Supreme Executive Council, or by the Governor of this commonwealth, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of Penn-

Duty of the commissioners of bankrupts.