

1794. slopes on convenient parts of such dams, so that the navigation for rafts will not be injured thereby.

Passed 5th Feoruary, 1794.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 183.

CHAPTER MDCCIX.

[Original act, ante. pa. 114.]

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled "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."

SECT. I. [THE time for taking subscriptions extended; and for returning a plan.]

Passed 19th March, 1794.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 190.

CHAPTER MDCCX.

An ACT to erect the townships of Colebrookdale, Earl district, and Hereford, in the county of Berks, into a separate election district.

The seventh election district of Berks.

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 townships of Colebrookdale, Earl district, and Hereford, in the county of Berks, are hereby erected into a separate election district, to be called the seventh election district; and the freemen of the said district are hereby authorized to hold their annual elections at the house now occupied by Joseph Muthard, in Colebrookdale township aforesaid, any law in any wise to the contrary notwithstanding.*

Passed 19th March, 1794.—Recorded in Law Book No. V. page 189.


CHAPTER MDCCXI.

An ACT to authorize Edward Shymer to erect a dam on the north side of the river Lehigh, in the county of Northampton.

SECT. I. [EDWARD SHYMER authorized to erect a dam on the Lehigh.]

Proceedings to ascertain offences against this act.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, on the complaint of any person or persons to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said county, for them to appoint three commissioners, to view the said dam and lock, and to compare them with the limitations and provisions herein set forth and enacted, and report to them, at their next session in the said county, the state thereof, which report, on oath or affirmation, if it contain an offence against this act, shall be sufficient ground of indictment, and upon prosecution to conviction of any offence against this act, or against the act, entitled "An Act*

declaring the rivers Delaware and Lehigh, and parts of Neshaminy creek, as far up as Barnsley's ford, and of the stream called Lechawaxen, as far up as the falls thereof, common highways, and for improving the navigation in the said rivers,"* passed the ninth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, the party or parties so convicted shall be liable to pay a fine, not exceeding two hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court. 1794. 

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CHAPTER MDCCXIII.

A SUPPLEMENT to the acts of Assembly made for the relief of insolvent debtors.

WHEREAS so much of the laws of this commonwealth made for the relief of insolvent debtors, as authorized and empowered the Justices of the Supreme Court, and the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas of the counties of this state, respectively, to discharge from personal imprisonment all persons, who then were, or thereafter might be held in execution for debt or demand, although the debts and demands to which any such prisoner was liable exceeded the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to any one of such prisoner's creditors, hath expired by its own limitation: And whereas justice and humanity require that insolvent debtors, who now are, or hereafter shall be, confined in the several gaols of this commonwealth, should be discharged, where presumption of fraud doth not appear, although their debts, respectively, shall exceed the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, to any one creditor: Therefore, [See vol. 1, page 181.]

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 from and after the passing of this act, the Justices of the Supreme Court, and the Judges of the several Courts of Common Pleas of this state, respectively, shall have jurisdiction and power to discharge from imprisonment all persons, who now are, or hereafter shall be, imprisoned for debts or demands, although such debts or demands exceed the aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to any one creditor, and to grant relief in the premises in the same manner, and upon the same terms, as is directed by the acts of Assembly of this commonwealth made for the relief of insolvent debtors. Debtors to be discharged whose debts exceed £. 150.

SECT. II. And whereas, by reason of the shortness of the terms of April and September, a debtor confined in prison by virtue of process from the Supreme Court of this commonwealth is not, agreeably to the existing laws, enabled to obtain a determination of the said court on his or her petition for the benefit of the laws respecting insolvent debtors, during the court to which such petition is presented, when such petition is exhibited in either of the said terms: *Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful Of notice to creditors.