

1797. the inhabitants desirous of using the navigation of the said creek, at their own cost and charges, to remove all the natural and artificial obstructions, from the mouth thereof as far up as Banks's Run aforesaid, and to erect and keep in repair such slopes and locks at the dam of the mill already built, as may be necessary for the passage of boats and rafts; provided that such slopes and locks shall be so constructed as not to injure the said mill or dam; nor shall any such slope or lock be erected or constructed, until the inhabitants desirous of erecting or constructing the same, shall have given to the Prothonotary of the county, such security, as the Court of Common Pleas shall judge sufficient to keep harmless and indemnified the owner or owners of the said mill and dam.

This act not to prevent dams being raised on the creek by persons heretofore authorized.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That nothing in this act shall be deemed, taken or construed, to prevent any person or persons possessing lands on the said creek, in the county of Lycoming aforesaid, who, before the passing of this act, had authority, under the laws of this commonwealth, to erect a dam or dams thereon, from erecting such dam or dams; provided the same be so constructed and kept in repair by the owners thereof, with complete slopes and locks in convenient parts of such dams, as that the navigation for boats and rafts will not be injured thereby.

Passed 4th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 155.

CHAPTER MDCCCCXIV.

An ACT to amend the act, entitled "An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the relief of poor, aged and infirm masters of ships, their widows and children."

SECT. 1. [HOW transfers of corporation stock and releases shall be made; satisfaction entered; and security to be given by the Treasurer. 2. Repeal of part of a former act, (chap. 875, vol. 1, pa. 498.)]

Passed 7th March, 1797.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. page 154.

CHAPTER MDCCCCXV.

An ACT to authorize Robert Dean and Joseph Smith to erect a wing-dam on the south side of the Frankstown branch of the Juniata, in Huntingdon county.

SECT. 1. [ROBERT DEAN and Joseph Smith empowered to erect a wing-dam on the Juniata; but not to injure the navigation, or private property. 2. Grievances shall be redressed, by indictment, on the report of viewers appointed by the Sessions.]

Passed 9th Marh, 1797.—Private Act.—Recorded in Law Book No. VI. pa. 156.