

CHAPTER MLIII.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FERRY OVER THE ALLEGHENY RIVER AT
THE TOWN OF PITTSBURGH.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas William Butler, esquire, lieutenant colonel in the Pennsylvania line hath by his memorial to this house prayed leave to erect a ferry over the Allegheny river at the town of Pittsburgh and that the same might be confirmed unto him and his heirs; also that a suitable lot of ground out of the tract reserved opposite to Pittsburgh and convenient to said ferry might be granted unto him in fee for the purpose of accommodating a convenient landing upon such terms as this house may think fit to prescribe;

And whereas it appears necessary that a ferry be erected and established over the said river at the place aforesaid:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act it shall and may be lawful for the said Colonel William Butler at his own proper cost and charge to make or cause to be made at and opposite the town of Pittsburgh a convenient landing on both sides of the Allegheny river and shall keep and maintain the same in good order and repair fit for men, horses and carriages to pass and repass; and shall also provide and maintain a good substantial boat or boats and capable ferrymen who shall duly and constantly attend as occasion may require, under and subject to such charges, rules and regulations, as to the legislature [of this state] shall seem meet.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That for the better accommodation of said ferry with a convenient landing and room to erect necessary buildings on the west side of said river, there be a

lot of ground laid out to include the mouth of a small run emptying into said river out of the reserved tract nearly opposite the aforesaid town of one hundred and twenty-foot front and five hundred feet deep, which lot of ground so assigned, with the improvements, shall be deemed and held as the estate of the said Colonel William Butler, his heirs and assigns, and shall be liable only to the payment of such purchase money, dues and demands as the legislature of this state shall direct.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the president and supreme executive council of this state are hereby empowered to direct the surveyor general of this state (upon the application and at the charge of the said Colonel William Butler) to cause the said lot of ground in and by this act described to be laid out and returned for confirmation.

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CHAPTER MLIV.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FERRY OVER THE MONONGAHELA RIVER AT THE NEW STORE.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Mary McKay, of the town of Pittsburgh, widow of Colonel Aeneas McKay (late of this state deceased) by her petition hath represented to this house the great necessity there is of having a ferry established on the Monongahela river at the new store on a tract of land late the property of the said Colonel Aeneas McKay and now vested in his children; also praying in behalf of said children that she may be allowed the privilege of having a ferry erected over the said river at the place aforesaid:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the said Mary McKay for