

dollars be, and the same is hereby granted to the commissioners of the county of Erie; to be by them applied to the erection of public buildings for the use of said county; to be paid out of the monies arising from the sales of the town and out-lots belonging to the commonwealth, in and adjoining the town of Erie in the county aforesaid.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCLXXXV.

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE FISHERIES IN THE RIVER SUSQUEHANNA
AND ITS BRANCHES.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) 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, no person or persons shall cast or draw any seine, scoop net, brush, or brush net; or make use of any driver or other device for the purpose of taking or catching fish in the river Susquehanna, or any of its branches which have by law been declared public highways, between the hours of six on the afternoon of Saturday, and the hour of five in the morning of the Monday following; and no person or persons shall make use of, cast or draw more than one seine, net or driver, or other device for the taking or catching fish in any one pool or fishing place in the said river or its branches as aforesaid, within this commonwealth and not more than one seine, net, driver or device for the taking or catching fish, shall be made use of, cast or drawn in any one pool or fishing place in the said river or its branches, within any period of twenty-four hours, beginning at sun rising in the morning and continuing until sun rising on the day following; and any person or persons who shall cast or draw any seine or net, or make use of any driver or other device for the purpose of taking or catching fish, or making [make] use of, or permit to be used more than one seine, net, driver or device in any one pool or fishing

place or shall be aiding or assisting therein contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act; such persons so offending, and thereof being lawfully convicted, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for each and every such offense, with costs of prosecution; one half thereof to be paid by the owner or owners of the seine, and the other half by the men so fishing: Provided always, that any person or persons may fish with hoop-nets and hooks and lines, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall make use of any device by means of ropes, cords, plank, timber, boards, shingles, brush, straw or stones; or shall throw up any banks of sand, or other earth in the river Susquehanna or its branches; or in any manner whatever, make use of any craft, contrivance or design to confine fish, to, at, or in any pool or fishing place; or to prevent the free passage of fish; or by means of any kind of drug, shall destroy the fish in the said river or its branches as aforesaid; each person so offending, or aiding or assisting therein, being lawfully convicted thereof, shall forfeit and pay for each and every such offense, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars with costs of suit.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from the place or places where seines or nets have been usually thrown into the water, to the place or places where they have been usually taken out; or from the place or places where they may be hereafter thrown into the water, to the place or places where they may be taken out, shall be deemed and held to be a pool or fishing place within the meaning of this act.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever there is or may be a pool or fishing place on both sides of the river and opposite each other, in whole or in part; or where there is or may be a pool or fishing place on an island, shoal or sand-bank opposite, in whole or in part to the pool or fishing place on either side of the river or island, where they sweep the whole

channel, no seine or net shall be drawn on such pools or fishing places to both landings in any one period of twenty-four hours; the fishery on the east side of the said river, or on any such island, shoal or sand-bank, shall be occupied or made use of the first twenty-four hours; the fishery on the west side of said river, or on any such island, shoal or sand-bank, the next twenty-four hours, and so on in rotation; and if any person or persons shall undertake to draw any seine or net in the said river or its branches as aforesaid, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this section, he or they so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of three hundred dollars for each and every such offense, together with costs; and all fines and forfeitures incurred under this act shall be recovered as debts of equal amount are or may be by law recoverable; one half of the forfeitures under this act to be for the use of the informer, and the other half to be applied for the purpose of improving the public roads and highways within the proper county in which such offense shall have been committed: Provided always, that every prosecution or suit under this act, shall be instituted within three months from the commission of the offense, and not afterwards.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCLXXXVI.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE MORE SPEEDY AND EFFECTUAL COLLECTION OF CERTAIN DEBTS DUE TO THIS COMMONWEALTH." (2)

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) 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 commissioners appointed under the act⁽¹⁾ to which this is a supplement, shall make report of their proceedings to the governor; who on approbation thereof, shall issue one or more process to the said commissioners, commanding them or a majority of them to sell such lands or interest in lands as the said commissioners