

of this commonwealth, passed the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and three, entitled, "An act to authorize any person or persons owning lands adjoining navigable streams of water, declared public highways, to erect dams upon such streams for mills and other water-works."⁽¹⁾

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Note (*) Chapter 2353; 17 Statutes at Large, p. 151.

CHAPTER MMDCCCXCVII.

AN ACT GRANTING SAMUEL KOOCKOYAEI A TRACT OF DONATION LAND.

Whereas it appears that Samuel Koockooyaei served as a Musician in the Pennsylvania Regiment of Artillery, commanded by Colonel Thomas Forrest, until honorably discharged in consequence of inability to continue longer in the service, occasioned by an epileptic disease, and was discharged very near the close of the war, with a constitution debilitated by the services rendered his country: Therefore,

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 officers of the land-office, be, and they are hereby authorized and required to grant to Samuel Koockooyaei, a patent for a tract of donation land, according to his rank aforesaid.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCXCVIII.

AN ACT TO CONFIRM TO CERTAIN PERSONS HOLDING AN ISLAND IN THE RIVER DELAWARE, THEIR TITLE TO THE SAME.

Whereas doubts have arisen whether the present possessors of an Island in the river Delaware, (known by the name of Biles Island, situate in Falls township, Bucks county, about

one mile below the lower Falls of said river,) have a legal title to the same. And whereas it appears that said Island was purchased from the Indians in the year one thousand six hundred and eighty by William Biles, the ancestor of the present possessors; that said purchase was further confirmed by a deed bearing date the nineteenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven, under which a peaceable possession of the same has been held ever since that time: Therefore to remove all doubts as respects any claim which the commonwealth may be supposed to have to the said Island:

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 present possessors of all and every part of the Island known by the name of Biles Island, situate in Falls township, Bucks county, about one mile below the lower Falls of the River Delaware be, and they are hereby established and confirmed in the possession and right to the same, which they respectively hold at the time of passing of this act: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to interfere with the rights of any individual or impair any contract respecting all or any part of the said Island.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCXCIX.

AN ACT TO ALTER AN ACT ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO ERECT THE TOWN OF HARRISBURG IN THE COUNTY OF DAUPHIN INTO A BOROUGH."(*)

Whereas by the sixth section of an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, passed on the thirteenth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, entitled, "An act to erect the town of Harrisburg,