

CHAPTER MMCI.

An ACT declaring Big Schuylkill a public highway.

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, Big Schuylkill, from the mouth of Norwegian creek, where it empties into said river, up to where the Catawiskey road crosses the same, shall be, and the same is hereby declared a public highway, for the passage of boats and rafts, under the limitations and restrictions herein after specified; and it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants desirous of using the navigation of the said stream, to remove all natural and artificial obstructions out of the same, from the mouth of Norwegian creek up to the said road, and to erect such slopes and locks at the mill-dams now built, as may be necessary for the passage of boats and rafts; provided such slopes and locks shall be so constructed as not to injure the works of said dams.*

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing in this act contained, shall be deemed, taken or understood to prevent any person or persons, possessing lands on the said river, who, before the passing of this act, had authority under the laws of this commonwealth to erect a dam or dams, from erecting any such dam or dams that he or she may think proper: Provided always, That such dam or dams be so constructed and kept in repair, with a proper slope or slopes, and a lock or locks, whereby the navigation of the said river will not be injured, nor the passage of fish prevented.*

Passed 1st March, 1800.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 111.

CHAPTER MMCIV.

An ACT to erect the township of Washington in the county of Franklin, into a separate election district, and to remove the place of holding the annual elections in the district composed of Plum and Versailles townships, in the county of Allegheny.

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 township of Washington, in the county of Franklin, shall be a separate election district, to be called the sixth election district, and the electors thereof shall hold their elections at the house now occupied by Michael Coskry, in the town of Waynesburgh.*

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act, the electors composing the district of Plum and Versailles townships, in the county of Allegheny, shall hold their annual elections at the house now occupied by John Thompson, in Plum township, any thing in any former law to the contrary notwithstanding.*

Passed 3d March, 1800.—Recorded in Law Book No. VII. page 116.

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Big Schuyl-kill declared a highway, and regulated.

Proviso as to persons previously authorized to erect dams.

The sixth election district of Franklin county.

Place of holding elections in the district of Plum and Versailles, Allegheny county.