

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever the said Conestoga river shall be made navigable, or whenever commissioners or persons shall be legally authorized to make said river navigable, the said Martin Nissly, his heirs and assigns, (shall, as soon as he or they be legally notified thereof, by such commissioners or persons as aforesaid) at his or their own cost and expense, erect a complete lock, of such size, and at such place on his or their race, as shall be directed and prescribed by such commissioners or persons as aforesaid.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, on the complaint of any person or persons to the judges of the court of quarter sessions in the said county, it shall and may be lawful for the said judges to appoint three commissioners to view the said dam, and to compare it with the limitations and provisions herein set forth and enacted, and report to them at their next session in the said county, the state thereof, which report, on oath or affirmation, if the matter therein contained constitutes an offence against this act, shall be sufficient ground for the court to direct a bill of indictment to be sent to the grand jury, and, upon prosecution to conviction of an offence against this act, the party or parties so convicted shall be liable to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, at the direction of the court, and the court shall adjudge so much of the said dam to be abated and altered as shall bring the same within the limitations and provisions in this act.

Passed April 4, 1796. Recorded L. B. 6, p. 129, etc.

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## CHAPTER MCMVII.

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AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ERECTION OF A BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER LEHIGH, AT THE BOROUGH OF EASTON, IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON.

Whereas, it has been represented to the legislature that a large sum of money has been appropriated by the grand jury of

the county of Northampton, with the concurrence of the court of quarter sessions of the same county, for the erection of a bridge across the river Lehigh, at the borough of Easton, and that, in addition to the said appropriation, considerable sums have been subscribed by individuals of the vicinity for the purpose aforesaid, but doubts have arisen whether the same can be carried into effect, without the aid of the general assembly, inasmuch as the said river has heretofore been, by law, declared a common and public highway, And whereas, the erection of bridges by facilitating the means of intercourse promote the general interests: 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 burgesses and inhabitants of the borough of Easton, in the county of Northampton, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered, with the concurrence of the court of general quarter sessions, and commissioners of the same county, to erect a bridge over and across the river Lehigh, at the borough of Easton aforesaid, anything in the act declaring the same river a public highway to the contrary notwithstanding, Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the erection of the said bridge in such manner as shall injure, or interrupt, the boat and raft navigation of the said river, or prevent boats from crossing, or persons from fording the same, or to impair the rights of individuals.

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## CHAPTER MCMVIII

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A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED, "AN ACT FOR EXTENDING THE BENEFITS EXPERIENCED FROM THE INSTITUTION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL."1

Whereas, the sum granted to the contributors to the Pennsylvania hospital, by an act of general assembly, passed on the eleventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-