

John Reading **ACTS**

John Reading
OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,

PASSED AT A SESSION

WHICH WAS BEGUN AND HELD AT THE BOROUGH OF HARRISBURG,

On Tuesday, the sixth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen,

AND OF THE

INDEPENDENCE

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE

THIRTY-NINTH.

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Dunn, of the county of Delaware, left his family in August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, being at that time possessed of considerable property, real and personal, situate in the said county; that no information has been obtained respecting the said Gideon since that period, and his wife and children not being able to take and enjoy his property, have prayed for a law to vest the same in them: Therefore,

SECT. 1. *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 all the estate and estates, rights, possessions and property, real and personal, of Gideon Dunn, late of Delaware county, be, and the same is hereby vested in the wife and legal representatives of the said Gideon, in such manner and in such proportions as is directed and provided by the intestate laws of this commonwealth, in cases where persons die intestate: Provided, That if the said Gideon Dunn shall hereafter return, this act shall be null and void.*

JACOB HOLGATE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXXVII.

AN ACT to authorize James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, to convey water from a spring or stream of water called the Vandine Kill, into the town of Milford, in the county of Pike.

WHEREAS, James Barton and George Biddis, of the town of Milford, in the county of Pike, have represented to the legislature, that they, as well as many others of the inhabitants of said town, labour under great inconveniencies for want of a sufficient supply of good water for their immediate use, and that they are the proprietors of a spring in the rear of said town, of sufficient elevation to be conveyed into every part of the same, and affording a sufficient body of water for the accommodation of all the inhabitants thereof, praying that a law may be passed, authorizing them, their heirs or assigns, to introduce and convey the water of said spring into the town aforesaid, along the streets and alleys thereof: And whereas, it is desirable at all times, to have a sufficient supply of wholesome water, as well for the health and comfort of the citizens, as for affording security against accidents by fire: Therefore,

SECT. 1. *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 it shall and may be lawful for James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, to convey the water from a spring or stream*

of water called the Vandine Kill, into the town of Milford, in the county of Pike, along and through the streets and alleys of the same, in logs or pipes suitable for that purpose, and to erect hydrants and other buildings in said streets and alleys, necessary for introducing the water aforesaid, and to secure the same against the inclemency of the weather and other extrinsic injuries.

Barton and
Biddis may
sell water.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs and assigns, to vend the water so conveyed into the town aforesaid, to such person or persons as may be disposed to use the same, at such price and on such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed on by the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, and the person or persons desirous of using the same as aforesaid: *Provided always,* That the price to be paid by any one family using the said water, shall not exceed six dollars for the use of the same for any one year: *And provided also,* That if the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, shall refuse to vend the water so to be introduced as aforesaid, to any inhabitant of said town, at a fair price, it shall be lawful for such inhabitants to use the same gratis.

Proviso.

2nd proviso.

Proprietors
may prosecute
for recovery of
debts due
them for the
use of water.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, to sue for and recover from all such person or persons using the water as aforesaid, all such sum or sums of money as shall have been agreed to be paid by them for the use of the water as aforesaid, by action of debt, to be brought before any justice of the peace of said county, in the same manner as debts under one hundred dollars are now recoverable: and also to prosecute and recover from all and every person or persons who shall wilfully and maliciously or otherwise injure or destroy any of the said logs or pipes, hydrants or buildings, or any thing in anywise connected with said water works, such damages as shall be adjudged to them either by the judgment of a justice of the peace, or on the report of referees to be chosen by the parties for that purpose, in such manner as damages are now recoverable before a justice of the peace, by the laws of this commonwealth.

Penalty on
injuring
works.

Penalty on
those using
the water
without the
authority of
the proprietors.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person or persons within the said town of Milford, shall use or take any of the water, so to be conveyed into the town aforesaid, without having previously contracted with the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, for the use of the same, except as before excepted, he, she or they so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs and assigns, the sum of ten dollars for every such offence, to be recovered before any justice of the peace of the county aforesaid, in the same manner as debts under one hundred dollars are now recoverable: *Provided always,* That the said water shall be conveyed by the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, into the town of Milford aforesaid, and the logs, pipes, hydrants, and other buildings necessarily connected with the conveyance thereof, shall be completed within twelve months from and after the passing of this act: *And provided also,* That no injury shall be done thereby to private property, and that the water so introduced

Proviso.

as aforesaid, shall be used gratis in all cases of fire, and by all teamsters and travellers going and passing through said town.

SECT. v. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, shall suffer the said water works, or any part thereof, to be out of repair for more than twelve hours at any one time, or shall fail to supply the inhabitants of the town of Milford aforesaid, with water by means of said water works, for a space of time exceeding six days, they shall forfeit and pay, for every such neglect, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered by action of debt, by any inhabitant of said town who shall sue for the same before any justice of the peace of the county of Pike, in the same manner as debts under one hundred dollars are now recoverable.

Penalty on proprietors for neglect

SECT. vi. *And be it farther enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, shall, at any time hereafter, misuse or abuse the privileges hereby granted, the legislature may, at any time thereafter, resume all and singular the rights, privileges and franchises hereby granted to the same James Barton and George Biddis.

Misuser to work forfeiture.

JACOB HOLGATE, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

SIMON SNYDER,

CHAPTER CXXVIII.

An ACT to amend the act, entitled "An act directing the mode of selling unseated lands for taxes, and for other purposes."

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 the treasurers of the several counties in this commonwealth, shall be, and they are hereby respectively authorized and directed, to commence on the second Monday in June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and at the expiration of every two years thereafter, and adjourn from day to day if it shall be found necessary so to do, and make public sale of the whole or any part of such tracts of unseated lands, situate in the proper county, as will pay the arrearages of the taxes, any part of which shall then have remained due and unpaid for the space of one year before, together with all costs necessarily accruing by reason of such delinquency, and to make and execute a deed or deeds, in fee simple, in the manner directed by the act to which this is a further supplement; and it shall be the duty of the said county treasurer, to give at least sixty days notice of the time and place of such sales, the

County treasurers when to commence the sale of land for taxes--and make deeds for lands sold.

Sixty days notice of sales