

ACTS

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 FIFTH DAY OF DECEMBER,

In the year, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen,

END OF THE

INDEPENDENCE

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE

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SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sum of two dollars per day be allowed to each of the said viewers, for the time necessarily spent in viewing, surveying and marking said road, which shall be in full for their services, and shall be paid out of the treasury of said county on warrants drawn by the commissioners of the same.* Compensation.

REES HILL, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XCIX.

An ACT for the relief of Benjamin Jennings, an old revolutionary soldier.

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 state treasurer be, and he is hereby required to pay to Benjamin Jennings, or order, the sum of forty dollars, in full for losses sustained by him while in the service of Pennsylvania during the revolutionary war.*

REES HILL, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER C.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled “An act to authorise James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs and 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.”

SECT. I. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly*

Repeal of part of former act.

met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the several provisos in the second section, and the whole of the fourth and fifth sections of the act to which this is a supplement, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Price of water regulated. Penalty on taking water without leave

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the price to be paid by any one family for the using of the said water for one year, shall not exceed the sum of eight dollars, and the price to be paid by any one family, for a right of using of the said water for ever, shall not exceed the sum of sixty dollars; and if any person or persons within the said town of Milford, shall use or take any of the said water, for the use of families, without the consent of the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, he, she or they shall forfeit and pay to the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs or assigns, any sum not exceeding one dollar, to be recovered as debts of equal amount are recoverable before a justice of the peace: *Provided,* That nothing contained in this act, or the act to which this is a supplement, shall be construed to prevent any inhabitant of the said town from using water obtained in any other way, or to compel any inhabitant to use the water so introduced by the said Barton and Biddis.

Proviso.

Penalty on letting works be out of repair.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said James Barton and George Biddis, their heirs and assigns, shall at all times have a sufficient quantity of water conveyed into the said town for the use of the inhabitants, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of this act, and if they shall allow the pipes or any of the said works to be out of repair so that the said inhabitants shall be deprived of water for the space of ten days, they shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be recovered before a justice of the peace as debts of equal amount are recovered, one half to the person suing for the same, and the other to the use of the township: *Provided,* That the water so introduced, shall be used gratis in all cases of fire, and also for waggons and travellers passing through said town.

Proviso.

Time for completing works extended.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the time for completing the said works shall be, and the same is hereby extended for the term of three years from and after the passing of this act: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall authorise the said James Barton and George Biddis, to do any injury to private property in the construction or completion of any of their said works, without the consent of the owner of said property being first obtained.

Right of proprietors after certain time may be purchased.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if at any time after the expiration of twenty years from and after the passing of this act, the citizens of Milford should be disposed to purchase the said water works and privileges, they shall have a right so to do, for such price as shall be fixed by seven judicious and disinterested persons, or a majority of them, to be appointed by the court of quarter sessions of the county of Pike, who shall be under oath or affirmation, and upon the payment of the price so fixed, all

the rights, privileges and franchises hereby granted shall be vested in the citizens of the said town of Milford.

REES HILL, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives.*

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CI.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

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 if any debtor, petitioning for the benefit of the insolvent laws, shall, with intent to defraud all or any of his creditors, collude or contrive with any person or persons, for the concealment of any part of his estate or effects, or with intent to defraud all or any of his creditors, shall conceal or convey to any person or persons, for the use of himself or of his family or friends, whereby to expect any future benefit to him or them, any part of his estate, effects or credits, such debtor shall, on being duly convicted thereof in the court of quarter sessions of the proper county, suffer imprisonment for a term not less than one year nor more than three years, at the discretion of the court.

Penalty on fraudulently concealing property.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever the court to which the debtor shall apply by petition, shall be satisfied, on hearing the debtor, the creditors, or other evidence, that there is just ground to believe that the debtor, with intent to defraud all or any of his creditors, hath colluded or contrived with any person or persons, for the concealment of any part of his estate or effects, or with intent to defraud all or any of his creditors, hath concealed or conveyed to any person or persons, for the use of himself or any of his family or friends, whereby to expect any future benefit to him or them, any part of his estate, effects or credits, the said court shall commit such debtor to the jail of the county for trial at the court of quarter sessions, and if no bill shall be presented to the grand jury at the next sessions, or if such bill shall be presented and shall not be found by the grand jury, or if such bill shall be returned a true bill, and on trial such debtor shall be acquitted, it shall be the duty of the court to discharge the said debtor from his imprisonment, as directed by the act to which this is a supplement: *Provided also,* That if the said indictment shall not be tried at the second sessions after the commitment of such petitioner, it shall be the duty of the court to discharge him from his said imprisonment, as directed by the act to which this is a

Court may commit on suspicion of fraud.

Debtor to be discharged if not found guilty.

Proviso.