

of the Peace, in any County where he may be found, and may be by the order of the Justice, who shall commit him, or by any other Justice of the same County, delivered to the Consul or Vice Consul of *France*, residing within the State, to be by him sent to some part of the dominions of the King of *France*.

Provided that all charges arising on such commitment, shall be paid by the Complainant, as the same shall arise. And

Provided that no Justice of the Peace, shall grant any order for the delivery of any person as aforesaid, until satisfactory evidence is produced to the said Justice, that the prisoner is a deserter from some Vessel, belonging to the King of *France*, or to his subjects, as aforementioned.

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[January Session, ch. 29.]

AN ACT GRANTING CERTAIN PRIVILEGES TO THE PROPRIETORS OF THE SLITTING MILL, IN THE TOWN OF TAUNTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BRISTOL.

Chap. 79

Whereas by the laws of this Commonwealth, the proprietors of the Slitting Mill, standing on Mill River, in said Taunton, are deprived of the benefit of the water running in the said River in the month of April and May annually, which is greatly to the damage of the Nail manufactory: Wherefore,

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that the Committee which may be annually chosen by the inhabitants of the Town of Taunton aforesaid, whose business it is to see the Fish Act, so called, put into execution, are hereby impowered and directed to notify some one or more of the Proprietors of said Slitting Mill, that they may stop the water and make use of the same three days in each and every week, in the months of *April* and *May* annually, for the purpose only of slitting Nail Rods, which days the aforesaid Committee are to appoint and to give seasonable notice thereof to the proprietors as aforesaid; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

This act shall continue in force for the term of One year from the passing thereof, and no longer.

March 2, 1787.