

U.S. COAST SURVEY, OPERATIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA
Act of Mar. 22, 1877, P.L. 11, No. 7
AN ACT

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Relating to the operations of the United States coast survey in the state of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Persons employed in United States coast survey may enter upon lands and erect works

Any person employed under and by virtue of an act of Congress of the United States, passed the tenth day of February, 1807, and of the supplements thereto, or under the direction of Congress, to form a geodetic connection between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and to furnish triangulation points for State surveys, may enter upon lands within this State, for the purpose of exploring, triangulating, leveling, surveying, and of doing any other work which may be necessary to carry out the objects of said laws, and may erect any works, stations, buildings and appendages requisite for that purpose, doing no unnecessary injury thereby. 1877, March 22, P.L. 11, Sec. 1.

Section 2. Assessment of damages

If the parties interested cannot agree upon the amount to be paid for damages caused thereby, either of them may petition the court of common pleas in the county in which the land is situated, which court shall appoint a time for a hearing as soon as may be, and order at least fourteen days notice to all parties interested, and with or without a view of the premises, as the court may determine, hear the parties and their witnesses, and assess damages. 1877, March 22, P.L. 11, Sec. 2.

Section 3. Tender of amends

The party so entering upon land may tender to the party injured amends therefor, and if, in case of application to the court of common pleas by the party injured, the damages finally assessed do not exceed the amount tendered, the party making said application shall not recover costs, otherwise the prevailing party shall recover costs. 1877, March 22, P.L. 11, Sec. 3.

Section 4. Costs

The costs to be allowed in all such cases shall be the same as allowed according to rules by the court. 1877, March 22, P.L. 11, 4.

Section 5. Penalty for injuring works

If any person shall wilfully deface, injure or remove any signal monument, building or other property of the United States coast survey, constructed or used under or by virtue of the acts of congress aforesaid, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense, and shall be liable for damages sustained by the United States in consequence of such defacing, injury or removal, or be recovered in action on the case in any court of competent jurisdiction. 1877, March 22, P.L. 11, Sec. 5.