

owner shall have a contract in writing for the purpose, or for the agents, servants or employees of such person or corporation to dig, dredge, take and carry away sand, gravel, or other material from the bed of said river opposite said lands from high-water mark on the shore bordering on said lands to the outer line of the channel nearest said shore, subject to the laws of the United States relating to navigation; and provided further, that none of the provisions of this section shall be deemed to interfere in any manner with the provisions of any law of the State relating to the taking and catching of fish and oysters.

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Traction Engines.

1906, ch. 474½.

399. Every traction engine, when propelled by steam upon or over any public road in this State shall be accompanied by at least two men, whose duty it shall be to conduct the engine as to cause as little alarm as possible to horses, or other draft animals, ridden, driven or led upon such road, and to render at all times all reasonable assistance to persons so riding, driving or leading horses, or other draft animals, upon such road.

Ibid.

400. The person in charge of said engine, at a signal or request of any person riding a horse, or of any person leading or driving a horse, or other draft animal, becoming alarmed by said engine, shall go as far as practicable to the side of the road and remain stationary until said horse or horses, or other draft animal, have passed to a safe distance, in the meantime making as little noise as possible with the steam.

Ibid.

401. One of the men accompanying such engine shall, upon the approach of a horse or horses, or other draft animal, precede such engine a reasonable distance to assist such person or persons in the management of any such horse, horses or other draft animal that may require his assistance to control same.

Ibid.

402. If any person in charge of such engine shall fail or neglect to comply with the provisions of these preceding sec-