

Taxes already due to be collected.

That the overseers of the borough and several townships aforesaid, may collect such rates or assessments as have been already made, and shall apply the money as heretofore.

Pauper dying, his property if any, to be collected and delivered over to the county treasurer.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if upon the death of any pauper in the borough of Reading, or in any of the townships within the county of Berks, it should appear that such poor person died possessed of property, the same shall be recovered and collected by the overseers of the poor of the borough of Reading, or the townships within said county, (as the case may be,) wherein the pauper has become chargeable, and pay the amount recovered into the county treasury, which sum or sums so recovered, shall be applied towards the support of the poor of said county; *provided always,* that it shall be the duty of the treasurer of the county, to give public notice in at least two newspapers within said county, for at least four weeks, of the death of such person, and the property in his hands, and to pay over the same, first deducting therefrom all the expenses incurred on account of such person, to his or her heirs or legal representatives; *provided also,* the same shall be claimed within three years after the death of such person.

How to be applied.

Treasurer to give notice of the death of pauper, and property in his hands.

And pay over balance to the legal heirs.

Proviso.

Parts of former acts repealed.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the laws of this commonwealth relating to the poor of the county of Berks, as is by this act altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXVII.

An ACT confirming titles issued to and authorizing the sale of certain lands lying within the depreciation districts, north and west of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers.

Secretary of land office authorized to issue warrants and patents to actual settlers on the depreciation lands.

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 secretary of the land office is hereby authorized and required, to issue warrants and patents to all actual settlers or their representatives, who have heretofore or shall hereafter settle on any of the depreciation land, north and west of the rivers Ohio and Allegheny, which were surveyed into tracts and remained unsold, or the sales whereof have not been confirmed by the supreme executive council, agreeably to an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, passed the twelfth of

March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and not otherwise reserved and appropriated by law, in the same manner and on the said conditions that titles are issued to other actual settlers, for lands on the same side of said rivers, excepting those parts of said land that have been surveyed on warrants or for which warrants descriptive of the land on which they were located have been entered with the deputy surveyor of the district previous to such settlement.

Lands unsettled and unappropriated offered for sale.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all warrants and patents which have been heretofore issued on an actual settlement and residence, for any of the aforesaid land, shall be as good and sufficient to vest a title in such actual settlers, or their legal representatives, as though the same had been done under the authority of a law of the state.

Warrants and patents already issued to be valid.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all cases where any warrant (except a warrant of acceptance,) may have been issued for any of the aforesaid land, and a survey was made thereon, and subsequent and adverse to such warrantees claim, an actual settlement and residence has been made upon such tract, and where the actual settler or his representative and the warrantee, or his representative shall within two years after the passing of this act, make an agreement agreeably to the second and subsequent sections of an act passed the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, for compromising certain disputed cases; and where such agreement shall be recorded accordingly, a title shall then be completed according to said act: *provided always,* that nothing in this act contained, shall be so construed as to make the state liable to refund any money in consequence of any compromise which may take place between any actual settler or warrant holder, under the provisions of this act.

Provision for compromising adverse claims, &c.

Proviso... State not liable to refund in case of compromise.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in all cases where an actual settler has adverse to the original warrantee, taken possession of a tract of land, north and west of the rivers Ohio and Allegheny, and Conewango creek, which had been surveyed on an original warrant, and has made such actual settlement, residence and improvements, as are described in the ninth section of the act, entitled, "An act for the sale of vacant land within this commonwealth," and an agreement or compromise hath taken place between such actual settler or his legal representative, and the original warrantee, or his legal representative, prior to the passing of the act, entitled, "An act providing for the settlement of certain disputed titles to land north and west of the rivers Ohio and Allegheny, and Conewango creek," passed March twentieth, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, the evidence whereof hath been, or shall be

When compromises have been made agreeably to law, commonwealth to waive its claim.

proved or acknowledged, and recorded in the proper county, that in such case the commonwealth shall cease to have any further claim to said tract, and the title to the same shall be confirmed to such warrantee and settler, or their legal representatives accordingly; *provided always*, that it is not intended by the provisions of this section, to recognize any agreement or compromise, where a less quantity than one hundred and fifty acres clear of expense has been agreed upon, to be granted to the settler, excepting in case where the warrantee furnished the settler with money, provisions or other articles, to enable said settler to improve, and settle such tract of land, in which cases the title shall be confirmed to the parties, where not less than fifty acres has been agreed upon to be given to the settler clear of expense, together with the articles so furnished.

Proviso.... Agreement not to be recognized unless 150 acres has been allowed to actual settler.

Exceptions.

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of the House of Representatives.
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXVIII.

An ACT establishing an academy in the town of Athens, in Bradford county, and granting a sum of money thereto.

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 there shall be, and hereby is established in the village of Athens, in Bradford county, an academy or public school, for the education of youth in the English and other languages, in the useful arts, sciences and literature, by the name of the Athens academy, under the care, direction and government of nine trustees, to wit, Clement Paine, George Welles, John Franklin, Julius Tozer, Stephen Hopkins, David Paine, John Saltmarsh, John Shepard, and Abner Murray, which said trustees and their successors to be elected as hereinafter directed, shall be and are hereby declared to be one body corporate and politic, by the name and style of "The Trustees of the Athens Academy," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all courts of record and elsewhere, and shall be competent and capable in law and equity to take and to hold, to them and their successors, for the use of the said academy, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, of what kind, nature or quality whatsoever, real, personal or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, con-

Academy established.

And trustees named.

Style of corporation.