

Compensation to the persons appointed to fix the site and erect the buildings.

SECT. 17. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the commissioners of the said county are hereby authorised and empowered to pay to the persons who are appointed by this act to fix the place where the buildings for the accommodation of the poor of said county shall be erected, such sums of money as will be sufficient to reimburse them for their expenses, and also to pay to each of the said directors such sum of money as (together with the annual sum allowed them by this act) may be, in the opinion of the commissioners, a reasonable compensation for their services during the time they are employed in erecting the buildings aforesaid.

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

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

## CHAPTER CXLIV.

### AN ACT

To authorise the sale of certain real estate of the late William Young and Rebecca his wife, of Oxford township, in the county of Philadelphia, deceased.

WHEREAS Joseph Thornhill, late of the city of Philadelphia, carpenter, deceased, on the second day of February, A. D. seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, granted and conveyed to William Young, of Oxford township, Philadelphia county, cordwainer, and Rebecca his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the said Rebecca, three acres of ground, with a small tenement thereon erected, situate in Oxford township, county of Philadelphia, as in and by the said deed, recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds in and for the said city and county, on the fourth day of February, A. D. seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, will more fully appear, in trust and upon condition, that they, the said William Young and Rebecca, and

their heirs and assigns of the said Rebecca, should, at their own proper costs and charges, during the natural life of their son Joseph Young, who is now living, and has been blind from his infancy, find and provide for the said Joseph Young, suitable and convenient diet, washing, lodging and other necessaries of all sorts, and should also well and sufficiently support, maintain and keep him during his natural life in all things necessary and suitable for him. And whereas the said William and Rebecca are deceased, without leaving sufficient funds to keep the said estate in repair, which is now in a ruinous condition. And whereas the said William and Rebecca left issue six children, to wit; the said Joseph Young, William Young and David Young, Keziah Hughes, Susan Casner and Ann Young. And whereas the said Joseph Young is unable to maintain himself on account of his blindness, and it is reasonable that the benevolent intention of the said Joseph Thornhill should be carried into effect :

Therefore,

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 Isaac Worrall and Nathan Harper, tanner, both of the borough of Frankford, be, and they are hereby empowered and authorised to cause to be sold at public sale, giving at least thirty days public notice thereof in two or more newspapers published in the city of Philadelphia, to the best and highest bidder, all the said real estate hereinbefore mentioned, for the best price and upon the best terms that can be obtained for the same, and to make and execute conveyances and assignments for the same, to the purchaser or purchasers, as fully and effectually as the said Joseph Thornhill in his lifetime could have done: *Provided,* That before the said real estate shall be sold, the said Isaac Worrall and Nathan Harper, shall give such security as the orphan's court for the city and county of Philadelphia shall direct, that they will dispose of and distribute the proceeds thereof as is hereinafter directed.

Isaac Worrall and Nathan Harper authorised to sell certain real estate.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Isaac Worrall and Nathan Harper, after having paid the reasonable expenses incurred by them in making the said sale, shall invest the balance in some public stock, bank stock or mortgage security, which shall be held by the said Isaac Worrall and Nathan Harper, their executors or administrators, for the following uses and trusts, to wit: to pay to the said Joseph Young, during his natural life, the interest accruing thereon, and at his death to distribute the same stock or mortgage security among the children of the said Rebecca Young, or the heirs of such as are dead, in the same manner as the same would have been distributed

How proceeds of the sale to be vested & appropriated.

under the laws of Pennsylvania, in case the said Rebecca Young had died after her husband possessed thereof and intestate.

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

ISAAC WEAVER,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

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## CHAPTER CXLV.

### AN ACT

To prevent the practice of wagering or betting on elections.

WHEREAS the practice of laying wages or bets on the event of any elections on the success of candidates for public offices, has a great tendency to promote immorality and corruption :

Therefore,

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 wagering or betting on the event of an election, held under the constitution or laws of the United States, or the constitution or laws of this Commonwealth, are hereby prohibited, and all contracts or promises founded thereon are declared to be entirely null and void.

Betting on  
elections  
prohibited.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person shall, after the first day of August next, lay any wager or bet, or make any promise or engagement for the payment of money or the transfer of any other valuable thing, dependent on the event of any such election as aforesaid, or on the success of any candidate or candidates nominated for public office, he shall, on conviction thereof in any court of quarter sessions, or other court having similar jurisdiction, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in any sum not exceeding the whole amount of the sum betted by all the parties to the wager, nor less sum than twenty dollars: *Provided,* That such prosecution shall be

Penalty on  
betting.

Provisio.