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ISAAC WEAVER, *junior, Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

SAMUEL MACLAY, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—February the twenty-second, 1802 :

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

An ACT to provide for the education of Poor Children gratis.

WHEREAS, by the first section of the seventh article of the constitution of this commonwealth, it is directed “ That the legislature shall, as soon as conveniently may be, provide by law for the establishment of schools throughout the state, in such manner as that the poor may be taught gratis.” Therefore,

Section 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 from and after the passing of this act, the guardians and overseers of the poor of the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark and township of the Northern Liberties, and every town-*
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Those children whose parents or guardians shall be judged unable to educate them, to be taught gratis.

ship and borough within this commonwealth, shall ascertain the names of all those children whose parents or guardians they shall judge to be unable to give them necessary education, and shall give notice in writing to such parents or guardians, that provision is made by law for the education of their children or the children under their care, and that they have a full and free right to subscribe, at the usual rates, and send them to any school in their neighborhood, giving notice thereof, as soon as may be, to the guardians or overseers, of the term for which they have subscribed, the number of scholars, and the rate of tuition; and in those townships where there are no guardians or overseers of the poor, the supervisors of the highways shall perform the duties herein required to be done by the guardians or overseers of the poor.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every guardian overseer of the poor, or supervisor of the highway, as the case may be, in any township or place where any such child or children shall be sent to school as aforesaid, shall enter in a book, the name or names, age, and length of time such child or children shall have been so sent to school, together with the amount of schooling, school-books and stationary, and shall levy and collect, in the same way and manner, and under the same regulations as poor taxes or road taxes are levied and collected, a sufficient sum of money from their respective townships, boroughs, wards or districts, to discharge such expences, together with the sum of five per cent. for their trouble.

How the expences thereof are to be ascertained, levied and collected.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authorized aforesaid,* That the guardians or overseers

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feers of the poor for the time being, or super-
visors of the highways, as the case may be,
shall use all diligence and prudence in carrying
this act into effect, and shall settle their accounts
in the same way and manner as by the existing
laws of the state, the guardians, overseers of the
poor and supervisors of the highways, are au-
thorised and required to settle their accounts.

Limitation of
the act.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted by the au-
thority aforesaid,* That this act shall continue
in force for the term of three years, and from
thence to the end of the next sitting of the ge-
neral assembly, and no longer.

ISAAC WEAVER, *junior, Speaker
of the House of Representatives.*

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of the Senate.*

APPROVED—March the first, 1802 :

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor
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CHAPTER XXXV.

*An ACT altering the place of holding elections
in the fourth district, in the county of Nor-
thampton.*

Section 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and
House of Representatives of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General As-
sembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the au-
thority*