

CHAPTER XLV.

An ACT establishing and confirming the place for holding the courts of Justice in the county district of Potter.

WHEREAS in conformity with the provisions contained in the ninth section of the act, entitled "An act to erect parts of Lycoming, Huntingdon and Somerset counties into separate county districts," passed March sixth, one thousand eight hundred and four, Sampson Crawford, Hugh White, and Robert McClure, trustees appointed for the county district of Potter, have transmitted to the General Assembly proposals by them received from John Keating, in his own name, and on behalf of Richard Gernon and John S. Roulet, and it appears that the said John Keating, Richard Gernon, and John S. Roulet, have caused a town to be laid out at the forks of Allegheny river in the said county, on a ground plot of ninety acres of land, to be hereafter called and known by the name of Coudersport, two thirds whereof they have offered to convey to the said trustees, exclusive of a square for the erection of public buildings, and a square for the use of an academy or public school, which are to be conveyed for the use of the said county, and have also offered to convey one hundred and fifty acres of land near the said town for the use and support of an academy or public school, and to pay to the said trustees the sum of five hundred dollars towards the expence of erecting a suitable building for such academy or public school, and have executed and filed a bond in the office of the Secretary of the commonwealth, for the faithful performance of their engagements above-mentioned, and it will be advantageous to the said county district to accept thereof: Therefore,

SECTION 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 seat of Justice for the county district of Potter shall be, and the same hereby is established and confirmed at the town of Coudersport in the county of Potter, and it shall be the duty of the trustees of the said county district to demand and receive from John Keating, Richard Gernon, and John S. Roulet, a sufficient deed or deeds in fee simple in trust to them for the use of said county, two thirds of the town lots in the said town of Coudersport free of any expence for surveying and laying out the same, and for two public squares in said town, one whereof shall be and is hereby for ever appropriated for the purpose of erecting thereon the public buildings for the use of the said county, and the other for the use of an academy or public school in the said town, and also for one hundred and fifty acres

Coudersport made the seat of Justice for Potter county. .
The trustees of said county district to demand and receive from John Keating &c. deeds in fee simple, for the use of the county, for two thirds of the

of land to be laid off in a regular plot from the tract of land on which the said town is situate, to be selected and chosen by the said trustees, which shall be and is hereby for ever appropriated to the use of an academy or public school for said county, and also to demand and receive from the said John Keating the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of erecting a suitable building for the use of the said academy or public school, or sufficient security for the payment thereof in a reasonable time : And the said trustees shall procure the said deed or deeds to be recorded in the office for recording deeds in the county of Lycoming, and the said trustees or a majority of them are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of the lots aforesaid, in such manner as will be most for the benefit of the county, and to make and execute deeds to the purchasers, and the monies arising from such sales shall be by them held and reserved for the use and benefit of Potter county, subject to the disposal of the commissioners of Potter county when the choosing or electing such commissioners shall or may be authorized by law : *Provided always*, That nothing in this act contained shall have any force or effect in law, unless John Keating, Richard Geron, and John S. Roulet, shall first execute and deliver to the trustees aforesaid, such deed or deeds for the lots and lands aforesaid, and fully perform all his engagements as aforesaid.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the aforesaid trustees shall each receive one dollar and thirty-three cents for every day they shall be employed in the performance of the duties of the aforesaid trust, which shall be paid by the treasurer of Lycoming county on orders from the commissioners of said county, out of the taxes levied in the county district of Potter.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the trustees aforesaid, or a majority of them shall within six months from and after the courts of law and board of commissioners shall have been established and opened by law, in and for said county, surrender and convey to the said commissioners and their successors in office, in trust for the use of the county all the trust and trusts vested in them or a majority of them by this act, and the said commissioners of the county are hereby empowered and required to do and perform the several duties which may remain to be done, and the said county commissioners shall have power, and it shall be their duty to call upon and if necessary compel the aforesaid trustees or either of them by suit, to settle their accounts and pay over to the treasurer of the county any monies which may remain in their hands or in the hands of either of them due to the county of Potter from the sale of the town lots aforesaid.

And also for 150 acres of land.

And five hundred dollars, for the use of said public school.

Deeds to be recorded in recorder's office, of Lycoming county.

Trustees authorized to dispose of the aforesaid lots, and to execute deeds therefor to the purchasers.

The monies arising to be reserved for the use of Potter county.

Nothing in this act to have effect till the engagements on the part of J. Keating, &c. are fulfilled.

Compensation to the Trustees for their services.

When the Trustees are to surrender the trusts confided to them to the county commissioners.

Powers and duties of the commissioners.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees shall as soon as may be, file a draught and return of the survey of the said town and one hundred and fifty acres of land, together with their proceedings under and by virtue of this act, in the office of the Recorder of deeds in and for the county of Lycoming, or in the said office for the county of Potter, if such office be then established by law.

A survey of the town &c. to be filed in the recorder's office of Lycoming county, or Potter county.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

THOMAS M'KEAN.

CHAPTER XLVI.

An ACT to provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor in the county of Franklin.

SECTION 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 a house for the employment and support of the poor shall be erected in the county of Franklin, in the manner and under the conditions hereinafter prescribed and enacted.

House of employment, &c. to be erected,

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the citizens of the said county of Franklin, shall at the general election next ensuing the passing of this act, in the manner prescribed for the election of members of the House of Representatives of this commonwealth, elect five reputable citizens of the said county, whose duty it shall be on or before the first day of December next, to determine upon and fix the place on which the said buildings shall be erected, and shall certify their proceedings therein under their hands and seals to the Clerk of the court of quarter sessions of the county of Franklin, to be filed in his office, and also elect three reputable citizens of the said county in like manner to be directors of the poor and of the house of employment for the county of Franklin, and the judges of election of the said county on receiving the returns from the several election districts, and having cast up the number of votes therein, shall within three days thereafter certify under their hands and seals the names of the persons so elected to fix on a proper site for the said building, and the names of the directors so chosen to the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of the said county, who shall file the said certificate in his office, and forthwith give notice in writing

Five citizens to be elected, who are to fix on a site therefor.

Also three persons to be directors of the poor, &c.

Notice to be given to the first mentioned citizens and