

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

to the said persons and directors of their being elected, and the said directors shall meet at the court-house in the said county on the first Monday in November next ensuing their election, and divide themselves by lot into three classes, the place of the first to be vacated at the expiration of the first year, of the second at the expiration of the second year, and of the third at the expiration of the third year, so that those who shall be chosen after the first election and in the mode above prescribed, may serve for three years, and one third to be chosen annually.

to the director of their elections, respectively.

Directors to meet and divide themselves into three classes. When the terms of the respective classes are to end.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every director elected in manner aforesaid, or appointed as is directed by the twelfth section of this act, shall within ten days after he is notified of such election or appointment, and before he enters on the duties of the office, take an oath or affirmation which any justice of the peace of the said county is hereby authorized to administer, that he will discharge the office of director of the poor for the said county, truly, faithfully and impartially to the best of his knowledge and ability: And in case of neglect or refusal to take the oath or affirmation within the time aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for the use of the poor of the said county, which fine shall be recovered by the directors for the time being, as debts of equal amount are or shall be by law recoverable.

Directors chosen, to fill vacancies to take an oath of office. &c.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said directors shall for ever hereafter in name and in fact be one body politic and corporate in law to all intents and purposes, whatsoever relating to the poor of the said county of Franklin, and shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded by the name, style and title of "The Directors of the Poor and of the House of Employment for the county of Franklin," and by that name may receive, take and hold any lands, tenements and hereditaments not exceeding the yearly value of five thousand dollars, and any goods and chattels whatsoever of the gift, alienation or bequest of any person or persons whomsoever, to purchase, take and hold any lands and tenements within their county in fee simple or otherwise, and erect suitable buildings thereon for the reception, use and accommodation of the poor of their respective townships, to provide all things necessary for the reception, lodging, maintenance and employment of the said poor, to appoint a treasurer annually, who shall give bond with sufficient surety for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and that at the expiration thereof he will well and truly pay and deliver over to his successor, all monies, bonds, notes, books, accounts and other papers to the said corporation belonging, which shall then be remaining in his hands, custody and possession, to employ and at pleasure remove a steward or stewards, matron or matrons,

The directors incorporated.

Style of the corporation.

Its immunities & powers.

May appoint a Treasurer of the corporation; his qualification.

Employ stewards, &c.

Bind-out ap-
prentices.

Use one com-
mon seal, &c.

Estimate to be
made of the
expence of e-
recting the
buildings,
&c.

How the same
is to be raised.

Directors to
exhibit annu-
ally an esti-
mate of the
probable ex-
pences, for one
year, &c.

To render
an annual ac-
count of the
monies re-
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pended by
them;

further duties
of the Trus-
tees.

physician or physicians, surgeon or surgeons, and all other necessary attendants for the said poor respectively, to bind-out as apprentices, so that such apprenticeship may expire if males, at or before the age of twenty-one years, if females at or before the age of eighteen, such poor children as shall come under their notice, or as may now be bound apprentices by the overseers of the poor, and to exercise and enjoy all such other powers now vested in the overseers of the poor, as are not herein granted or supplied, and the said directors shall be empowered to use one common seal in all business relating to the said corporation, and the same at their pleasure to alter or renew.

SECT. V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said directors as soon as may be, after their election and organization, as aforesaid, shall make an estimate of the probable expence of purchasing the lands, erecting the necessary buildings, and furnishing the same, and maintaining the poor within the said county for one year; whereupon the county commissioners of the said county, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to increase the county tax by one-fourth part of the sum necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and shall procure on loan on the credit of the taxes herein directed to be levied, the remaining three-fourths thereof, to be repaid in instalments with interest out of the county taxes: *Provided always,* That if such loan cannot be made, the whole amount of the sum necessary for the purposes aforesaid, or such part thereof as may be deemed proper, shall immediately be added to the county tax, to be paid by the county treasurer to the directors aforesaid, on orders drawn in their favour by the county commissioners, as the same may be found necessary.

SECT. VI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the said directors, on or before the first day of November, in each and every year, to furnish the commissioners of said county with a statement of the probable expence of the said poor, and poor-house, for one year; the amount of which statement shall be assessed and collected with other county rates and levies, and paid by the county treasurer to the directors aforesaid, on orders drawn in their favour by the county commissioners, as the same may be found necessary; and the said directors shall at least once in every year, render an account of all the monies by them received and expended, to the auditors appointed to audit and settle the county accounts, subject to the same penalties, rules and regulations, as are by law directed respecting the accounts of the county commissioners, and shall also at least once in every year, lay before the court of quarter sessions, and grand jury of the said county, a list of the number, ages and sexes of the persons maintained and employed in the said house of employment, or supported or assisted by them elsewhere, and of the children by them bound out to appren-

ticeships as aforesaid; with the names of the masters or mistresses, and their trade, occupation or calling; and shall at all times when thereunto required, submit to the inspection and free examination of such visitors as shall from time to time, be appointed by the court of quarter sessions of the said county, all their books and accounts, together with the rents, interests and monies, payable and receivable by the said corporation, and also an account of all sales, purchases, donations, devises and bequests, as shall have been made by or to them.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as soon as the said buildings shall be erected, and all necessary accommodations provided therein, notices shall be sent signed by any two of the said directors, to the overseers of the several townships of the said county of Franklin, requiring them forthwith to bring the poor of their respective townships to the said house of employment, which order the said overseers are hereby enjoined, and required to comply with, or otherwise to forfeit the cost of all future maintenance; except in cases when by sickness, or other sufficient cause, any poor person cannot be removed, in which case the said overseers shall represent the same to the nearest justice of the peace, who, being satisfied of the truth thereof shall certify the same to the said directors, and at the same time issue an order under his hand and seal, to the said overseers, directing them to maintain such poor, until such time as he, or she, shall be in a situation to be removed, then to convey the said pauper and deliver him, or her, to the steward or keeper of the said house of employment, together with the said order, and the charge and expense of such temporary relief, and of such removal shall be paid by the said directors at a reasonable allowance.

When and how the poor are to be removed to the building erected in pursuance of this act.

Exception as to the sick, and how they are to be provided for.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said directors shall from time to time, receive, provide for and employ, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, all such poor and indigent persons as shall be entitled to relief, or shall have gained a legal settlement in the said county of Franklin, and shall be sent there by an order or warrant for that purpose, under the hands and seals of any two justices of the peace, directed to any constable of the said county of Franklin, or to the overseers of the proper township in any other county of this Commonwealth, or constable in such counties as have no overseers, and to the said directors of the poor, and of the house of employment of the said county of Franklin, and the said directors are hereby authorized, when they shall deem it proper and convenient so to do, to permit any poor person or persons to be maintained elsewhere.

Directors required to receive, provide for, and employ the poor.

SECT. IX. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said directors, or any two of them, who shall be a quorum in all cases to do business, shall have full power to make

Power of the directors to make rules and regulations, &c.

and ordain all such ordinances, rules and regulations, as they shall think proper, convenient and necessary, for the direction, government and support of the poor and house of employment, aforesaid, and of the revenues thereunto belonging, and of all such persons as shall come under their care or cognizance: *Provided*, The same be not repugnant to this law or any other of the laws of this state or of the United States: *And provided also*, That the same shall not have any force or effect until they shall have been submitted to the court of common pleas for the time being, of the said county of Franklin, and shall have received the approbation of the said court.

A committee of the directors to visit the apartments of the poor, monthly &c.

SECT. X. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That a committee consisting of at least two of the said directors, shall and they are hereby enjoined and required to meet at the said house of employment at least once in every month, and visit the apartments and see that the poor are comfortably supported, and hear all complaints and redress or cause to be redressed, all grievances which may happen by the neglect or misconduct of all persons in their employment or otherwise.

Compensation of the directors.

SECT. XI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said directors shall each of them receive for their services forty dollars per annum, to defray the expences of their necessary attendance on the duties of their offices.

How vacancies in the direction are to be supplied.

SECT. XII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That in case of any vacancy or vacancies by death, resignation, removal, neglect, refusal or otherwise, of any of the said directors, a majority of the remaining directors shall fill such vacancy or vacancies by appointment of a citizen of their said county to serve until the next general election, when another director shall be elected to serve for the period which such director was to have served if no such vacancy had happened.

When and how the monies in the hands of the overseers of the poor are to be disposed of.

SECT. XIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That as soon as the poor of the county of Franklin shall be removed to the house of employment of the said county, and the overseers then in office have settled their official accounts with the auditors of the respective townships, (annually elected for that purpose) it shall be the duty of the said overseers to pay over all the monies remaining in their hands to the supervisors of their respective townships, to be by them applied towards the repairing of the public roads therein, and the office of overseer of the poor within the said county shall from thenceforth be abolished, and all monies arising from fines, trespassing creatures, &c. that by the existing laws are directed to be paid to the overseers of the poor, shall from that time be paid to the supervisors of the roads within the respective townships to be expended and accounted for by them in the same manner as other township monies are directed to be.

And the office of overseer of the poor abolished.

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

SECT. XV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*
That the commissioners of the said county are hereby authorized
and empowered to pay to the persons who may be elected or
appointed by virtue of this act, to fix the place where the build-
ings for the accommodation of the poor in said county shall be
erected, such sums of money as will be sufficient to reimburse
them for their expences, 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 commis-
sioners a reasonable compensation for their services during the
time they are carrying on and erecting the buildings aforesaid :
Provided, The said buildings shall be completed within four
years from the passing of this act. Compensa-
tion to the per-
sons appointed
to fix the site
for the poor
house.

And to the di-
rectors for their
special atten-
dance while
the buildings
are erecting.

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 XLVII.

*An ACT granting a sum of money to the Trustees of the Reading
Academy for the use of the said Academy.*

SECTION I. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Represen-
tatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in
General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the
same,* That the sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is
hereby granted to the trustees of Reading academy, to assist and
enable them to erect a suitable building for the said academy or
public school, to be paid by a warrant to be drawn by the Go-
vernor on the State-treasurer out of any unappropriated money
in the treasury. 2000 dollars
granted to
Reading Aca-
demy.

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