

## CHAPTER CXIV.

*An ACT, to provide for the education of the poor gratis.*

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 it shall be the duty of the commissioners, of the several counties within this commonwealth, at the time of issuing their precepts to the assessors, annually to direct and require the assessor of each and every township, ward and district, to receive from the parents the names of all the children between the ages of five and twelve years, who reside therein, and whose parents are unable to pay for their schooling; and the commissioners when they hold appeals, shall hear all persons who may apply for alterations or additions of names in the said list, and make all such alterations as to them shall appear just and reasonable, and agreeably to the true intent and meaning of this act; and after adjustment, they shall transmit a correct copy thereof to the respective assessor, requiring him to inform the parents of the children therein contained, that they are at liberty to send them to the most convenient school, free of expense; and the said assessor, for any neglect of the above duty, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, to be sued for by any person, and recovered as debts of that amount are now recoverable, and to be paid into the county treasury, for county purposes: *Provided always,* That the names of no children whose education is otherwise provided for, shall be received by the assessor of any township or district.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said assessor shall send a list of the names of the children aforesaid, to the teachers of schools within his township, ward or district, whose duty it shall be to teach all such children as may come to their schools, in the same manner as other children are taught; and each teacher shall keep a day-book, in which he shall enter the number of days each child entitled to the provisions of this act shall be taught; and he shall also enter in said book, the amount of all stationary furnished for the use of said child, from which book he shall make out his account against the county, on oath or affirmation, agreeably to the usual rates of charging for tuition in the said school, subject to the examination and revision of the trustees of the school where there are any; but where there are no trustees, to three reputable subscribers to the school, which account, after being so examined or revised, he shall present to the county commissioners, who, if they approve thereof, shall draw their order on

Assessors to return the names of certain children whose parents are unable to pay for their education. Proceedings by the commissioners thereon.

Assessors to inform the parents whose children are to be taught gratis. Penalty for neglect. Proviso.

Duties of teachers.

How compensated.

the county treasurer for the amount, which he is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of any monies in the treasury.

JAMES ENGLE, *Speaker*  
of the *House of Representatives.*

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

APPROVED—the fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXV.

*A further SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled "An act for the regulation of the militia of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."*

**WHEREAS** great inconvenience and hardship arises out of the present law regulating the militia of this commonwealth, to the enrolled militia south of Loyalsock creek, in Lycoming county, composing the second battalion of the first regiment and tenth division aforesaid, now commanded by Major Arthur M'Kisson, in as much as a great portion of them have not only to cross the river and several large streams of water, but have to travel from twenty to thirty miles, to Williamsport, their usual place of regimental meeting: Therefore,

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 from and after the passing of this act, the battalion aforesaid, shall meet within their battalion bounds on the same days as are prescribed by the act to which this is a supplement.

Provision in favour of the 2nd battalion of the 1st regiment.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the collectors of taxes throughout this commonwealth, shall receive five per cent. on all monies by them collected as exempt fines, which shall be allowed to the county treasurers, in the settlement of their accounts with the auditor general.

Five per cent allowed on the collection of exempt fines.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the enrolled militia composing the first battalion of the one hundred and thirty-sixth regiment, shall exercise in the following manner, to wit: On the days appointed by law for regimental and battalion trainings, in the months of May and October, the first and fourth companies of said regiment shall meet together, and exercise at some central place, and the fifth and eighth companies shall meet on the following day, at some other place; the places for exercising to be fixed by the field officers of the regiment, and to be subject to the same fines, penalties and regulations, as if they trained by regiments; and it shall be the duty of the proper brigade inspector, before the first day of May next, to give at least ten days notice, and pro-

Provision in favour of the first battalion of the 136th regiment.