

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, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of Philadelphia county, before any children shall be sent to school by virtue of the act to which this is a supplement, to fix on the teacher or teachers to whose care such children shall be committed, and to furnish stationary, school-books, and other materials, necessary to them in the commencement and progress of their education; and the said commissioners shall have power to contract with such teacher or teachers for the price of tuition of said children, and also if they may think the public good or the education of the pupils will be thereby promoted, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners to establish public schools, in such manner, and under such regulations as shall be approved of by the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia, the respective boards of commissioners of the township of the Northern Liberties, and district of Southwark.

Commissioners of Philadelphia county, to fix on a teacher, &c.

Furnish stationary, school books, &c.

Of public schools, &c.

SECT. II *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the provisions of this act shall be confined to the city of Philadelphia, district of Southwark, townships of the Northern Liberties Penn, Moyamensing, and Passyunk; and that so much of the act entitled "An act to provide for the education of the poor, gratis," as is by this act altered or supplied, be, and the same is hereby repealed: *Provided always,* that nothing contained in this act shall be considered as vesting in the county commissioners, or any other persons or incorporate bodies, any power to prevent the free and impartial education of poor children gratis.

Jurisdiction of this act.

Repealing clause.

Proviso.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

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

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

### CHAPTER CLXIII.

*An ACT to incorporate the president and directors of the streets, lanes, and alleys, in the town of Lewisburg, in the county of Northumberland.*

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 and may be lawful for the inhabitants of the town of Lewisburg, in the township of Buffalo and county of Northumberland, who are taxables in the same, to meet at the house of

Taxable inhabitants, where to meet.

And when. Andrew Belmire, in the town aforesaid, on the first Monday in June next, between the hours of one and six of the clock of said day, and then and there, to elect by ballot, five citizens who shall be resident in said town, and who shall be termed directors of the streets, lanes, and alleys, in the town of Lewisburg, and who shall serve as such one year, and the like number of directors as aforesaid, shall annually be elected on the first Monday in June thereafter, in manner aforesaid; but previous to any election being held in pursuance of this act, the electors who may be present at the time of opening the same, shall appoint two citizens, resident in the town, to receive tickets from persons qualified by this act to vote, and to count the votes and certify the result of the election under their hands and seals to the persons elected; and immediately after the said annual election respectively, the directors shall appoint out of their own body, a president and secretary, and in the absence of one or the other, their absence shall be supplied by pro tempore appointments; and in case any director shall refuse to accept the appointment, or to enter upon the duties thereof, he shall pay a fine of not more than ten dollars, to be recovered upon the complaint of any person, as debts of equal amount are or may be by law recoverable; and if any vacancy occurs in the directorship in anywise, it shall be immediately supplied by an election in manner aforesaid, upon notice given through advertisements, by the president, fixed up at five of the most public places in the said town, at least five days previous to the election, which special election shall be held at the same place, and conducted in the same manner, as the annual election under this act; and the said directors shall have perpetual succession, by the name, style and title of "The president and directors of the streets, lanes, and alleys, of the town of Lewisburg;" and under the same name and title they shall be, and are hereby made, able and capable in law, to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded; and they or a majority of them shall form a quorum for doing business, and they shall have power to make by-laws, and to appoint officers necessary for carrying the object of this act into effect, not inconsistent with or repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States or of this commonwealth, and from time to time to alter, abolish, or enforce the same by certain fines and penalties, which shall be recovered by the president and directors in the same manner as debts of equal amount are or may be by law recoverable; and the by-laws shall be signed by the president, and countersigned by the secretary, which shall be immediately published in at least six written or printed handbills, fixed up at as many of the most public places in the said town, and which shall also be recorded in a book to be provided for that purpose, by the president and directors; and they shall also provide another book in which they shall re-

And elect five citizens as directors of the streets, &c.  
 Annual election.  
 When the electors shall appoint two judges of the election.  
 Who shall certify the result to the officers elect.  
 Of president's and secretary.  
 Penalty on refusal to serve.  
 How vacancies shall be supplied.  
 Style of the corporation.  
 Powers of.  
 By whom by-laws shall be signed, &c.  
 To be published.  
 And recorded, &c.

cord the certificates of their election, and enter all their contracts, and the appointment of officers and proceedings generally under this act ; which book shall be kept by the secretary, who shall submit them to the inspection of any of the inhabitants as aforesaid, at convenient hours, when they apply for the same.

Certificates of election recorded.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the president and directors, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to open the streets, lanes, and alleys, in the town of Lewisburg, agreeably to the plan of the said town, and ever after to keep them in good repair.

President, &c. authorized to open the streets, &c. And keep them in good repair.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the limits of the charter bounds shall be as follows, viz. beginning at the south side of the mouth of Lyman's (formerly called Derr's) Run ; thence up the south side thereof, including the said run in its meanders, to the line of land of George Derr ; thence along the same to the fording of Buffalo creek ; thence down the south side thereof to the west branch of the Susquehanna river ; thence down the same to the place of beginning.

Limits of the charter.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all fines and forfeitures under this act, shall be paid to the president and directors, to be by them applied to defray the expenses arising under the same, in addition to which they shall have power from time to time to assess taxes for that purpose on the real and personal property in said town, agreeably to the latest valuation thereof, under the act for raising county rates and levies, and to collect the same, but the said tax or taxes shall not in any one year exceed half a cent on the dollar, of that valuation, and the personal property of the occupant of the real property shall be liable for the taxes ; and in case the occupant is a tenant, the landlord shall refund the same to him or her, but nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with any agreement made between the landlord and tenant, about the payment of taxes.

All fines to be paid to the president, &c. Of taxes.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the president and directors shall yearly and every year, give five days notice, by advertisements fixed up at not less than five of the most public places in the said town, to the taxable inhabitants in the same, that they will at a certain time and place within the said town, exhibit an account of their receipts and expenditures, and proceedings, during the year, under this act, when and where as many of the taxable inhabitants as think proper, may attend, which time shall not be more than ten nor less than three days before the first Monday of June, in every year ; and the taxable inhabitants aforesaid who may be present at the time of meeting, shall, previous to their entering upon the examination or settlement of the accounts of the president

Exhibition of accounts.

How and by whom audited.

and directors, nominate and appoint a chairman and secretary to preserve order, and all objections to the accounts and official conduct of the president and directors, then to be offered, shall be addressed to the chairman, and also the defence of the president and directors; and if the said accounts and official conduct shall be approved by a majority of the taxable inhabitants who may be present, it shall be so certified in the public books in which their proceedings are entered, and signed by the chairman, and countersigned by the secretary, which shall be final and conclusive; but if a majority should not approve as aforesaid, any persons who may think themselves aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this act, may appeal to the next court of quarter sessions to be held for the proper county, upon giving security according to law, to prosecute his, her, or their appeal with effect; and the court having taken such order therein as shall seem to them just and reasonable, the same shall be conclusive against all parties.

How grievances may be redressed.

Power in the legislature to repeal.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the nonuser of the powers herein given, shall not work a forfeiture of them; but nothing herein contained, shall be deemed or taken as a promise from the legislature not to repeal or abridge them at any subsequent period.

Limitation for the recovery of fines.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That no fine incurred under the provisions of this act, shall be recoverable, unless the same shall be sued for within thirty days after the same shall have been incurred.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*

*of the House of Representatives.*

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

APPROVED—the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

SIMON SNYDER.

## CHAPTER CLXIV.

*An ACT to authorize the governor of this commonwealth to incorporate a company, for erecting a bridge over the river Tioga, at the village of Athens or Tioga Point.*

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 Henry Wells, John F. Satterlee, John Shepard, David Paine, Stephen Hopkins, Clement Paine Thomas Overton, and William Means, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to do and perform the several duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, they shall on or before the first day of May next, provide a book or books as they shall think necessary, and write therein as follows: "We whose names are herewith subscribed,

Commissioners appointed.

To procure books, &c.