

First trustees named.

scribers to the said school; *provided*, that William Crawford, William F. Hays, Robert Adams, Jacob Baltzel, Asa McClelland, Nathaniel Jennings, Barnet Reinhart, jun. William Seals and Andrew Buchanan, shall be the first trustees, and shall have the care and management of said school until the first Monday in November next, and until others shall be elected agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Property belonging to the school, vested in the trustees for the use of the school.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all and singular the estate, real and personal, now belonging to and held by the said trustees for the use and benefit of said Franklin school, is by this act vested in the trustees of said school, and their successors forever, for the use and benefit of said school, and for no other purpose; and they shall also have, hold, enjoy and retain, to themselves and their successors, any other lands, tenements, gifts, grants, bequests and immunities, of whatsoever kind they may be, which shall hereafter become the property of said trustees for the use of said school, by gift, grant, bargain, or in any other lawful way or manner whatever.

Capable of taking bequests, &c.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said trustees and their successors, shall have full power to enact and enforce such by-laws and ordinances as they shall think proper, for the government of said school, not being repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, or of this state, and generally to do and perform every other act and thing as a body politic, relating to the management of said school.

Authority to make by-laws.

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

### CHAPTER CXVI.

*An ACT providing that the poor of the county of Berks, shall be maintained at the expense of the said county.*

Poor of Berks county to be a county charge.

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 twenty-fifth day of March next, the poor of the borough of Reading in the county of Berks, and of the several townships of the said county, shall be maintained at the expense of the said county, and all the charges and expenses whatsoever which shall be incurred by the borough and several townships aforesaid, on account of the poor shall be paid out of the county stock.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That overseers of the poor for the borough, and several townships aforesaid, shall be chosen, and their duties shall in all respects be as heretofore, except the laying of rates or assessments, and such other duties as will be inconsistent with the provision contained in the first section of this act.

Overseers to be chosen and duties to be as heretofore with some exceptions.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the said county, in making an estimate of the probable expense of the said county, for the ensuing and every subsequent year, to take into their view the probable expense of the poor aforesaid, and to provide for the defraying of it; and the overseers of the poor of the borough and townships aforesaid in which there shall be poor persons actually chargeable, shall receive from the treasurer of the county aforesaid, such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray the expense of maintaining them; and to enable such overseers to receive such sums of money from the treasurer, they shall obtain from a justice of the peace of the same township, or if there be no justice of the peace in the same township, from a justice of an adjoining township, a certificate that a certain sum of money is necessary either to provide for the poor or to pay expenses already incurred, upon which certificate the said treasurer is hereby authorized and required to pay the sum therein mentioned to the said overseers.

Commissioners of the county to estimate the probable expense of maintaining the poor, and provide for the same.

Overseers to receive from the county treasurer, the necessary sums for supporting the poor: upon a certificate from a justice of peace.

Treasurer authorized to pay.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the accounts of the overseers of the poor shall be settled as heretofore, and after settlement copies thereof shall be transmitted to the treasurer aforesaid; and the said overseers shall pay to their successors, all monies remaining in their hands, and deliver over to them all books, papers and accounts, in manner, and under the same penalty for neglect as is provided by the laws now in force; and if the overseers of the borough aforesaid, or of any of the said townships, shall neglect or refuse to procure a certified copy of the settlement aforesaid, to be sent to the treasurer, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered in the name of the said treasurer for the use of the county, as debts of the same amount are recoverable.

Accounts to be settled as heretofore and copies transmitted to the treasurer.

Overseers to pay over balances to successors and deliver books, papers, &c.

Under a certain penalty.

Penalty on overseers of the borough for neglect, &c.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person be entitled to relief or maintenance in the said borough, or in any of the townships of the county aforesaid, such person shall be taken care of by the overseers of the borough or township, where he or she shall reside when he or she shall become chargeable; and the justices of the peace of the county aforesaid, shall continue to do and perform all the acts, matters and things respecting the poor, as heretofore by law required.

Poor to be provided for, where they reside.

Duties of justices of the peace as heretofore.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,*

Taxes already due to be collected.

That the overseers of the borough and several townships aforesaid, may collect such rates or assessments as have been already made, and shall apply the money as heretofore.

Pauper dying, his property if any, to be collected and delivered over to the county treasurer.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if upon the death of any pauper in the borough of Reading, or in any of the townships within the county of Berks, it should appear that such poor person died possessed of property, the same shall be recovered and collected by the overseers of the poor of the borough of Reading, or the townships within said county, (as the case may be,) wherein the pauper has become chargeable, and pay the amount recovered into the county treasury, which sum or sums so recovered, shall be applied towards the support of the poor of said county; *provided always,* that it shall be the duty of the treasurer of the county, to give public notice in at least two newspapers within said county, for at least four weeks, of the death of such person, and the property in his hands, and to pay over the same, first deducting therefrom all the expenses incurred on account of such person, to his or her heirs or legal representatives; *provided also,* the same shall be claimed within three years after the death of such person.

How to be applied.

Treasurer to give notice of the death of pauper, and property in his hands.

And pay over balance to the legal heirs.

Proviso.

Parts of former acts repealed.

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

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

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

APPROVED—the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXVII.

*An ACT confirming titles issued to and authorizing the sale of certain lands lying within the depreciation districts, north and west of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers.*

Secretary of land office authorized to issue warrants and patents to actual settlers on the depreciation lands.

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 the secretary of the land office is hereby authorized and required, to issue warrants and patents to all actual settlers or their representatives, who have heretofore or shall hereafter settle on any of the depreciation land, north and west of the rivers Ohio and Allegheny, which were surveyed into tracts and remained unsold, or the sales whereof have not been confirmed by the supreme executive council, agreeably to an act of the general assembly of this commonwealth, passed the twelfth of