

Governor to draw his warrant in favor of the company for \$10,000.

Certificate of stock to be deposited with the treasurer.

Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That as soon as the Springhouse, Northampton town and Bethlehem turnpike company shall have ten miles of the said road completed from the Springhouse tavern, and approved as is directed in and by the said act to which this is a further supplement, the Governor be, and he is hereby required to draw his warrant on the state treasurer, in favor of the said company, for the whole amount directed to be subscribed by the Governor, by the second section of the supplementary act, passed the eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen; and the said company are hereby required, on receiving the said warrant, to cause a certificate for two hundred shares of the stock of said company to be deposited in the office of the state treasurer, and the dividends arising thereon shall, from time to time as they are declared, be paid by the treasurer of the said company into the state treasury.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXLIII.

AN ACT

To provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor in the county of Adams.

SECT. 1. *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 Adams, in the manner and under the conditions hereinafter prescribed and enacted.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the electors of the said county of Adams 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 May next after the election, to

Five persons to be elected to fix the site for the buildings, &c.

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 Adams, to be filed in his office; and the said electors shall 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 Adams for the ensuing year, and the judges of election of the said county shall, immediately on receiving the returns from the several election districts, and casting up the number of votes therein, or 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, 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 be chosen annually: *Provided*, That it shall be lawful for the said five citizens, or a majority of them, to receive proposals for the sale of land whereon to erect the said buildings and accommodate the same, and to contract for and hold the same, and to take conveyances therefor in the name of the corporation hereinafter named.

Three directors to be elected.

Judges of election to certify the result to the clerk of the sessions, who is to give notice to the persons elect.

Time of meeting of the directors, and class themselves.

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SECT. 3. *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 said office, take an oath or affirmation, which any justice of the peace of the said county is hereby authorised 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 said oath or affirmation within the time aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten 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 to be under oath or affirmation.

Penalty for refusing to serve.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said directors shall forever 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 Adams, and shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, by the

Style of corporation. name, style and title of "The Directors of the Poor and of the House of Employment for the county of Adams," and by that name shall and may receive, take and hold any lands, tenements and hereditaments, not exceeding the yearly value of five thousand dollars, and any goods or chattels whatsoever of the gift, alienation or bequest of any person or persons whatsoever, 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 to remove a steward or stewards, matron or matrons, 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 years, 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.

Powers, privileges and duties of.

Appoint treasurer.

Steward, surgeons, &c.

May bind out poor children.

SECT. 5. *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 expense 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 purpose 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 treasurer of the corporation aforesaid, on orders drawn in his favor by the county commissioners, as the same may be found necessary: *And provided further,* That the said directors shall annually, after the estimate made as

Directors to make an estimate of the expense of establishing and supporting the establishment.

Commissioners to assess the necessary tax, or procure loans

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aforesaid, make an estimate of the sum necessary for the support of the poor of the said county for the year ensuing, and shall forward the same to the county commissioners, who shall provide by tax or otherwise the sum required by such estimate, and pay the same over to the treasurer of the said corporation as aforesaid.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That 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 account 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 apprenticeships as aforesaid, with the names of the masters or mistresses, and their trade, occupation or calling, and shall at all times, when thereto 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.

Directors to submit their accounts annually, also a list of the number, &c. of the paupers.

Poor children and names of their masters or mistresses.

Books to be open for inspection.

SECT. 7. *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 poor of the several townships of the said county of Adams, 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, and 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: *Provided always,* That if upon the death of any pauper, it shall appear that such person died possessed of property, the same shall be recovered and collected by and

Notice to be given when the buildings are ready to receive paupers.

Duties of overseers of the poor.

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vested in the directors of the institution aforesaid, and by them applied to the support thereof, and it shall be the duties of the said directors to give public notice in at least two newspapers, one of which shall be published in the borough of Gettysburg, for at least four weeks, of the death of such person, and the property in their 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* the same shall be claimed within seven years after the death of such person.

SECT. 8. *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 Adams, 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 Adams, or to the overseers of the proper township, in any other county in this Commonwealth, and to the said directors of the poor and of the house of employment of the said county of Adams; and the said directors are hereby authorised, when they shall deem it proper and convenient so to do, to permit any poor person or persons to be maintained elsewhere.

Duties of the directors.

SECT. 9. *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 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 Adams, and shall have received the approbation of the said court.

Quorum of directors may make by-laws.

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SECT. 10. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That a quorum 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 any person or persons in their employment or otherwise.

Directors to meet monthly to inspect the institution.

SECT. 11. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said directors shall each of them receive for their services, twenty dollars per annum, to defray the ex-

Directors compensation.

penses of their necessary attendance on the duties of their offices.

SECT. 12. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in case of any vacancy, by death or resignation, removal, neglect, refusal or otherwise of any of the said directors, the remaining directors shall fill such vacancy 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. Mode of supplying vacancies.

SECT. 13. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all the monies which shall be remaining in the hands of the overseers of the poor of the several townships of Adams county, at the time when the first county poor tax shall be assessed, levied and collected, shall be paid over by the said overseers to the supervisors of the highways of their respective townships, to be by them applied towards the repairing of the roads therein. Money in the hands of overseers to be paid over.

SECT. 14. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as soon as the poor of the county of Adams shall be removed to the house of employment of the said county, and the outstanding poor taxes collected, the office of overseer of the poor within the said county shall from thenceforth be abolished. Office of overseers to be abolished.

SECT. 15. *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 Adams, as is by this act altered or supplied, be, and the same is hereby repealed. Repeal of former laws.

SECT. 16. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the powers conferred and duties imposed on the overseers of the poor, in and by "An act to empower the overseers and guardians of the poor of the several townships within this Commonwealth to recover certain fines, penalties and forfeitures, and for other purposes," are hereby conferred and imposed on the supervisors of the highways in the said county of Adams, and that the justices of the peace and sheriff within the said county, are hereby required and enjoined to pay to the said supervisors, to be by them applied to the repair of the highways, the aforesaid fines, penalties and forfeitures, within the time and in the manner prescribed by the said act for the payment thereof in other counties to the overseers of the poor, and to give notice of the receipt thereof to the said supervisors within the time and in the manner aforesaid; and that for any neglect or refusal to perform any of the duties enjoined on them by the said act, the said justices of the peace and sheriff in the said county, shall be subject to all the fines, penalties and forfeitures to which the justices of the peace and sheriffs in other counties, are by the said act subject and liable. Appropriation of certain fines and penalties. Duties of justices of the peace and sheriff. Penalty for neglect of duty.

Compensation to the persons appointed to fix the site and erect the buildings.

SECT. 17. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the commissioners of the said county are hereby authorised and empowered to pay to the persons who are appointed by this act to fix the place where the buildings for the accommodation of the poor of said county shall be erected, such sums of money as will be sufficient to reimburse them for their expenses, 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 commissioners, a reasonable compensation for their services during the time they are employed in erecting the buildings aforesaid.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CXLIV.

AN ACT

To authorise the sale of certain real estate of the late William Young and Rebecca his wife, of Oxford township, in the county of Philadelphia, deceased.

WHEREAS Joseph Thornhill, late of the city of Philadelphia, carpenter, deceased, on the second day of February, A. D. seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, granted and conveyed to William Young, of Oxford township, Philadelphia county, cordwainer, and Rebecca his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the said Rebecca, three acres of ground, with a small tenement thereon erected, situate in Oxford township, county of Philadelphia, as in and by the said deed, recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds in and for the said city and county, on the fourth day of February, A. D. seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, will more fully appear, in trust and upon condition, that they, the said William Young and Rebecca, and