

and when and where they shall meet for entering upon the duties assigned them by this act, which place of meeting shall be as near the centre of the county as possible.

The adoption
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ferred to a vote
of the people

SECTION 19. For the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the citizens of Westmoreland county as to the expediency of erecting a poor house, it shall be the duty of each of the inspectors for the several townships and boroughs, at the next general election, to receive tickets, either written or printed, from the qualified voters thereof, labelled on the outside "Poor house," and in the inside "For a poor house," or "Against a poor house;" and if it shall appear, upon casting up the votes of the different districts at the court house, on the same day that other returns are made out, that a majority of those who voted are for a poor house, then the foregoing act to take effect; but if a majority of votes are found to be against a poor house, the foregoing act be and the same is hereby null and void.

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES B. PENROSE,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—This twenty-sixth day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 3.

AN ACT

Authorizing a Loan.

SECTION 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 the governor be authorized to negotiate a loan by the issue of negotiable certificates of stock, for the sum of one million two hundred thousand dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, and the faith of the commonwealth is hereby pledged for the re-imbusement of the said loan, at any time after the expiration of twenty years from the first day of July next; and the interest accruing upon the stock created by said loan shall be paid either at the state treasury, the Bank of

Loan of
\$1,200,000
authorized

Interest

Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, or elsewhere, according as may be agreed upon between the governor and the original purchaser of the stock.

SECTION 2. The governor be and he is hereby authorized to cause to be executed, certificates of stock signed by the auditor general and countersigned by the state treasurer, for the sum to be borrowed in pursuance of this act, bearing an interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, re-imbursable as aforesaid, which stock thus created shall be transferable on the books of the auditor general, or at the Bank of Pennsylvania, by the owner or owners of the same, his, her or their attorney and new certificates of the same may be issued by the auditor general and state treasurer, or by the president and cashier of the said bank to the new holder or holders, and it shall be deemed execution of the power given in this act for the governor to cause the said certificates of stock to be sold.

SECTION 3. So much of the above loan as is necessary shall be applied by the state treasurer to the following payments falling due and payable at the treasury on or before the first of February eighteen hundred and thirty-nine: To the payment of interest on the permanent, temporary and treasury loans; to payments falling due upon various items of internal and local improvements under the provisions of the act of the fourteenth April, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight; to any deficit in the internal improvement fund; and to such other purposes as the necessity of the treasury may require to preserve its credit.

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES B. PENROSE,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-sixth day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine.

DAVID R. PORTER.