

No. 42.

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act entitled an act to provide for the erection of a house, for the employment and support of the poor in the county of Cumberland.

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 directors of the poor, and of the house of employment for the county of Cumberland, shall, from time to time receive, provide for, and employ all such poor and indigent persons as shall be entitled to relief, or shall have gained a legal settlement in the said county of Cumberland; and any such poor and indigent persons, as aforesaid, shall be admitted into the said house of employment on an order for that purpose granted by any one of the said directors, or by one justice of the peace of the said county of Cumberland, or upon a legal order of removal from any other county within this commonwealth; for which service no justice of the peace shall be entitled to fees or reward. And the board of directors shall have authority to grant such other relief as they may judge right, and to discharge from the said house of employment of the said county of Cumberland every pauper whom they shall deem to possess sufficient mental and bodily ability to take care of him or herself, and to provide for his or her maintenance and support: but such pauper, so discharged, may at any time hereafter be readmitted in the manner aforesaid. And any pauper, whose legal settlement shall not be in the said county of Cumberland, may be admitted into the house of employment by the board of directors, whenever they shall deem it expedient, upon such terms, and be so discharged therefrom in such manner as shall be provided by their ordinances, rules, and regulations.

Poor to be provided for

Admission of

Removal

Out door relief.

Paupers may be discharged —re-admitted

Power of Directors.

To examine paupers

SECTION 2. That the said directors, or a majority of them, shall have power and authority to examine, under oath or affirmation, any poor person or persons residing or being in the said house of employment, touching his or her place of legal settlement, and in case such person shall refuse to take such oath or affirmation, or shall refuse to answer such questions as shall be asked by the said directors, touching and relating to the said settlement of the said poor person, the said directors may withhold all further relief from such person

until he or she shall consent to take such oath or affirmation, and answer all such questions as aforesaid.

SECTION 3. That the said directors, or either of them, shall have like powers with justices of the peace, to administer an oath or affirmation to any person or persons, touching or concerning any matter or thing connected with the business of the said corporation; and that the steward of the said house of employment, in the absence of said directors, and by their order, shall have like powers with the said directors to administer oaths and affirmations, as in this and the preceding section. To administer oaths, &c

SECTION 4. It shall be lawful for the said directors, or a majority of them, to put out as apprentices, all such poor children as may be an actual charge upon the said county, so that the term of apprenticeship, if a male, shall expire at or before the age of twenty-one years, and if a female, at or before the age of eighteen years: *Provided*, That no child shall be bound out for a longer time than until he arrives at the age of eighteen years, unless he be bound out to a trade other than a farmer: *And Provided in all cases*, The persons to whom they are bound, be required to give the child at least three months schooling in each year. Apprentices

SECTION 5. That it shall be lawful for the said directors, or a majority of them, in the case of any person in their charge as a pauper owning or possessing any real estate or interest in real estate, to apply to the court of common pleas of the said county of Cumberland, or any other counties in this commonwealth where the said property may be situated, by petition, praying the said court to grant them an order to make sale of said real estate or interest therein, for the support and maintenance of said pauper; and that the said court, if they deem it advisable after considering the said application, shall grant an order to said directors to make sale of said real estate, or interest therein, or any part thereof, on such terms as the said court shall think advisable; and that the said directors shall, in pursuance of said order, offer said real estate, or interest therein, on the premises, at public sale, and sell the same by public outcry, after giving at least three weeks notice of the time and place of said sale by hand-bills, or advertisement in a newspaper in the county where said property is situate; which sale, so made, the said directors shall return to said court, and after confirmation of the same, shall execute and deliver to the purchaser a deed of conveyance for said estate, on the said purchaser's full compliance with the terms and conditions of said sale; which deed, so made, shall vest the property therein described in the grantee as fully and effectually as the said pauper held and enjoyed the same; and that the said directors shall apply the proceeds of said sale, or Proceedings in case of a pauper owning real estate

Deed to be made

Proceeds how applied so much as may be necessary to the support and maintenance of said pauper. And if any balance shall remain after his or her death, and after deducting funeral expenses, the said directors shall pay over said balance to the legal representatives of said pauper upon demand made, and security being given to indemnify said directors from the claims of all other persons.

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES B. PENROSE,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 43.

AN ACT

For laying out, opening and regulating streets, lanes and allies, within the limits of the borough of Womelsdorf, Berks county.

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 courts of quarter sessions,

Court of quarter sessions to appoint six freeholders

Not to reside in the borough

To view the ground proposed for street or alley

And make report

To be entered on record, if approved by the court

of the county of Berks, on being petitioned to grant a view for opening or extending any street, lane or alley within the borough of Womelsdorf, in the county aforesaid, shall have power; and by virtue of this act are directed and required, as often as they judge it useful in open court, to order and appoint six discreet and disinterested freeholders, neither of whom shall reside or own real estate in the borough aforesaid, whose duty it shall be, after being first sworn or affirmed, to view the ground proposed for opening or extending such street, lane or alley, and if they, or any five of them, view the said ground and any four of the actual viewers agree that there is occasion for such street, lane or alley to be opened or extended; they shall proceed to lay out the same as agreeably to the desire of the petitioners as may be, in such manner as to do the least injury to private property, and shall make report thereof, stating particularly whether they judge the same necessary, together with a plot or draft thereof to the next court of quarter sessions, and if then and there the court aforesaid shall approve of the same, it shall, at the next court