

[No. 28.]

RESOLUTION

Relative to the education of the poor in the non-accepting school districts.

Preamble

WHEREAS, It appears that in some of the non-accepting school districts of this commonwealth, the school directors neglected to issue their precept on the first Monday of January last, to the assessors of their several districts, requiring them to receive from the parents the names of the children between the ages of five and fourteen years, who reside therein, and whose parents are unable to pay for their schooling, with a view of ascertaining how many children there are in said districts respectively, who are to receive the benefit of an education at the public expense, and thereupon to make an estimate of the sum required to pay for such education, agreeably to the provisions of an act, entitled "An Act to provide for the education of the poor in the non-accepting school districts of this commonwealth, and for other purposes," passed the thirtieth day of July, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty-two; therefore,

School directors to collect certain taxes

RESOLVED, *By the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met*, That it shall be lawful for those school directors who have neglected to issue their precept on the first Monday of January last, in the manner set forth in the foregoing preamble, to issue the same on or before the first Monday in June next, and to proceed in like manner as if the said precept had been issued at the time required by the aforesaid act, excepting that it shall be the duty of the collectors of the county rates and levies, in lieu of the township supervisors, to collect the tax for the education of the poor children in the aforesaid non-accepting school districts.

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RESOLVED, That the school directors of Jackson township, Northumberland county, or any ten qualified voters thereof, are hereby authorized to direct a special election to be held on the first Monday in June next, for the purpose of determining the question of acceptance or non-acceptance of the common school system, and notice shall be given, and all other proceedings in relation to said elections in accordance with the provisions of the act of thirteenth June, eighteen hundred and thirty-six; and if the said system shall be accepted, the board of directors, and all others connected

with the common school system in the said district, shall be authorized to do and perform, within twenty days from and after the said first Monday in June, all the acts and things necessary to the operation of the common school system.

RESOLVED, That in each and every non-accepting school district, in which, owing to neglect, or any other cause, Non-accept-
directors had not been previously elected, it shall be the duty ing school
of the board first chosen therein, forthwith to perform the districts
duties directed in the act, entitled "An Act to provide for the Directors
education of the poor in the non-accepting school districts of
this commonwealth, and for other purposes," for the instruc-
tion of all children therein described, whose parents are
unable to pay for their schooling, so that the instruction of
the children aforesaid shall commence on or before the first
Monday in October next ensuing the first election of said
directors: *Provided*, That during every subsequent year, Proviso
the acts and duties of said directors relative to the instruction
of the children aforesaid, shall be performed at the times
specified in the acts aforesaid.

RESOLVED, That in every non-accepting school district in
which there are not schools convenient or sufficient for the Schools in
instruction of the children of indigent parents, it shall be the non-accept-
duty of the proper board of directors to establish a school or ing districts
schools, or to make such other arrangements as will insure
the instruction of such children in reading, writing and arith-
metic, by a competent teacher, during at least six months in
each year.

RESOLVED, That it shall be lawful hereafter in the several Elections in
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non-accepting districts of this commonwealth, in which the
question of accepting the common school system was not
voted upon at the time designated by law, for the directors of
such district or districts, or for any ten qualified voters thereof,
to give notice for an election to be held at such time as they
may designate; such notice to be given by at least six adver-
tisements put up in the most public places in the district, for
the space of two weeks; the said election to be conducted in
the mode directed by the thirteenth section of the act of the
thirteenth June, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, entitled
"An Act to amend and consolidate the several acts relative to
a general system of education by common schools;" and if
the said system shall be accepted, the board of directors shall
have all the powers necessary to carry the system into effect,
under existing laws, as fully and effectually as if the question
had been so determined on the day directed by the said
thirteenth section of the act of thirteenth June, eighteen
hundred and thirty-six.

Charity schools Philadelphia **RESOLVED,** That the male pupils who now are, or hereafter may be, in any school or schools under the care of the Philadelphia society for the establishment and support of charity schools, shall be entitled to admission into the Central High School under the direction and management of the board of controllers of the first school district of Pennsylvania, on the same terms that pupils of the public grammar schools of said district now are or hereafter may be entitled to admission into the said Central High School.

Distribution of money in new districts **RESOLVED,** That in all cases heretofore, as well as those hereafter occurring, where a new school district shall have been or hereafter may be formed by the erection of a new township from an old township or townships, which had accepted of the provisions of the common school law, such new district shall be entitled to receive a pro rata dividend or distribution according to the number of taxable inhabitants in such new district, when compared with the district or districts from which such new district may be or shall have been formed, of all moneys to which such old district was entitled and received under the several provisions of the common school law of this commonwealth, for any year or years previous to such division.

Money how collected **RESOLVED,** In all cases where moneys have been received by any old school district or districts, as contemplated in the foregoing section, and which the new district would be entitled to receive according to the provisions of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the township composing such new district to recover the same by suit against the township or townships composing the district from which such new township or district was erected: *Provided,* That all suits now pending for moneys as aforesaid, and in which judgment has not been entered, as well as those hereafter to be brought, shall be subject to the provisions of this act.

HENDRICK B. WRIGHT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

B. CRISPIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eighteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

DAVID R. PORTER.