

in the unincorporated districts in the county of Philadelphia.

Part of Camac street vacated.

Proviso.

Provided, That the provisions of this section shall extend to the directors or overseers elected at the last election, as well as those that may hereafter be elected.

SECTION 6. That so much of Camac street, as the same is now laid out, opened, and used from the west line of Tenth street, to the west line of Broad street, in the county of Philadelphia, be and the same is hereby vacated, and that the title to the soil over which the same passes, be and the same is hereby vested in fee simple, in the several owners of the ground adjoining and fronting upon the same respectively; each owner to have, and to take one half part thereof, so far as his respective lot adjoins, and fronts upon the same: *Provided*, That Montgomery street, shall first be opened from Tenth to Broad street, and put in traveling order.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE DARSIE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 260.

AN ACT

To confirm to Jonathan Ashton the title to certain real estate; confirming the title to real estate in Cumberland county, and authorizing Joseph Buckwalter, to sell a certain school house and lot in Chester county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, William A. Porter, esquire, sheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia, did on the eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, execute, acknowledge and deliver to Patrick Divine, a deed poll bearing the said date, and entered among the records of the district court, in and for the city and county of Philadelphia, in book N, page one hundred and ninety-six, and so forth, for a certain two story brick messuage and lot or piece of ground, situate on the south side of Wood street, and the west side of Crown street, in the Northern Liberties of the city of Philadelphia, particularly described in the said deed poll, together with the appurtenances, which said premises were subsequently conveyed to Jonathan Ashton, of the said county:

And whereas, The said premises were so as aforesaid conveyed by the said sheriff, in pursuance of a sale under a certain writ of fieri facias, issued upon a certain judgment recovered in the said district court, as of the December term, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, number five hundred and ten, at the suit of Granville Penn, devisee of John Penn, junior, and William Penn, heirs at law of John Penn, senior, deceased, against Catharine Coyle, assignee of Leighton Wood,

who was assignee of Sarah Nash, executrix of William Nash, who was assignee of John Harrison, with notice to William H. Coyle, Catharine E. Coyle and Ann Wood Whitewell, for the sum of one hundred forty-two dollars and seventy cents, the arrears of a certain apportioned yearly ground rent, or sum of eleven dollars, issuing and payable out of the said premises :

And whereas, It is represented that the waiving of an inquisition and condemnation of the said premises, by the said Catharine Coyle, and an agreement by her that the said sheriff might proceed to sell the same, under the said writ of fieri facias, and without any other, is regarded as informal and irregular, and that the said Catharine Coyle, William H. Coyle, Catharine E. Coyle and Ann Wood Whitewell, reside out of this commonwealth, in different parts of the United States, and that they received and divided among them the balance of the proceeds of the said sheriff's sale ; now therefore,

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 title of the said Jonathan Ashton, and of all and of every person or persons claiming, or to claim under him, by purchase, devise, descent or otherwise, to the said premises in said deed poll described, together with the appurtenances, be and the same is hereby confirmed and made valid, and the title to the same is vested in the said Jonathan Ashton, in fee simple as fully and absolutely and to the same extent and effect, as if the said sheriff's deed had been executed, acknowledged and delivered in pursuance of a sale under a writ of venditioni exponas, legally issued after an inquisition and condemnation of the said premises, on a writ of fieri facias issued on the said judgment, regularly obtained for the said arrears against the covenantor named in the original or apportioned ground rent deeds, referred to in the said suit.

Title of Jonathan Ashton to certain real estate confirmed.

SECTION 2. *Whereas*, the last will and testament of Rebecca Ramsey, late of the borough of Carlisle, deceased, was proved before the register of Cumberland county, on the twenty-seventh day of September, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, by the oaths of two witnesses, who deposed that said will, or paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Rebecca Ramsey, deceased, was in the proper handwriting of the aforesaid decedent, which was registered, and letters of administration with the will annexed, issued thereon by the register of said county, which said will was not signed by said Rebecca Ramsey ; therefore,

Preamble.

Be it further enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the aforesaid paper writing, so as aforesaid proved and registered, is hereby declared to be as valid and effectual as the last will and testament of the aforesaid Rebecca Ramsey, deceased, as if the same had been signed by said decedent, and duly proved and registered, and all the devises, bequests, legacies, gifts and grants therein contained, shall be as valid and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if said will had been signed and duly proved and registered, agreeably to the laws of this commonwealth.

Certain instrument in writing made valid.

SECTION 3. *Whereas*, Daniel High and wife, by deed dated the seventeenth day of December, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, granted and conveyed to David Buckwalter, John Chrisman, junior, and Jesse Williams, trustees, "who were entrusted to transact the business of a body who have instituted themselves, in order to erect a school house, and their successors, who may be elected at a convention of the members agreeably to public notice, in case of

Preamble.

the death or resignation of any or either of the trustees," a certain lot of land in Schuylkill township, Chester county, containing twenty-five perches of land more or less:

And whereas, A school house was erected on said lot, and has been used as such, but which, since the adoption of the common school system, is, in consequence of its proximity to the township line, too inconvenient for the purposes for which it was designed; therefore,

Trustees authorized to sell a certain lot of ground

That Joseph Buckwalter, Benjamin Hartman and Moses Robinson, (the last trustees elected in pursuance of the provisions of said deed,) or any two of them be and they are hereby authorized to sell, at public or private sale, the lot of land aforesaid, bounded by land of Simeon Buzzard, Benjamin Wagoner and Jacob Vanderslice, and the building thereon, and convey the same to the purchaser in fee simple, and to apply the proceeds of said sale, first to the payment of all debts which were contracted or incurred in the erection of the said school house, and which remain unpaid, with interest, and the remainder, after deducting expenses of sale, to be paid in equal proportions to the directors of common schools of the townships of Schuylkill and East Pikeland, to be applied to common school purposes.

Proceeds of sale, how applied.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE DARSIE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 261.

A N A C T

Authorizing Mordecai R. Moore, Thomas F. Shewell, Charles Weiss, Samuel J. Work, and William W. Work, George Chorpensing, guardian of the minor children of William Fayman, Joseph Horner, committee of William Horner, Joseph Godfrey and Michael Reed, to sell and convey certain real estate; relative to certain deeds of trust, affecting the interests of Catharine Benninghove and Eliza Ann Hodgson; to enable William Fitcher to execute a mortgage; to validate a certain mortgage executed by Aaron Dewald; authorizing George Arcularius to convey certain real estate, and empowering the commissioners of Mercer county, to sell certain real estate, and to borrow money.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, William Holstein, senior, and William H. Holstein and George W. Holstein, executors of the last will and testament of George W. Holstein, late of the township of Upper Merion, in the county of Montgomery, and state of Pennsylvania, deceased, by their indenture, dated the seventh day of April, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, did grant and convey to Mordecai R. Moore, trustee of Rebecca Conrad, late Rebecca Cotton, of the said township of Upper Merion, and William Cotton of the same place, a certain plan-