

the county any monies which may remain in their hands or in the hands of either of them due to the county of Potter from the sale of the town lots aforesaid.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said trustees shall as soon as may be, file a draught and return of the survey of the said town and one hundred and fifty acres of land, together with their proceedings under and by virtue of this act, in the office of the recorder of deeds in and for the county of Lycoming, or in the said office for the county of Potter, if such office be then established by law.⁽²⁾

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Note (1) Chapter 2478; 17 Statutes at Large, p. 769.

Note (2) See Chapter 2876; *Infra* this volume, p. 679.

CHAPTER MMDCLXXVIII

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERECTION OF A HOUSE FOR THE EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE POOR IN THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) 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 Franklin, in the manner and under the conditions hereinafter prescribed and enacted.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the citizens of the said county of Franklin, 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 December next, to 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 Franklin, to be filed in his office; and 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 Franklin; and the judges of election of the said county on receiving the returns from the several election districts, and having cast up the number of votes therein, shall 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 courthouse 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, and 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 to be chosen annually.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) 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 the office, take an oath or affirmation which any justice of the peace of the said county is hereby authorized 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 oath or affirmation within the time aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty 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.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) 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 Franklin; and shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded by the name, style and title of "The Directors of the Poor and of the House of Employment for the county of Franklin;" and by that name may receive, take and hold any lands, tenements and hereditaments not exceeding the yearly value of five thousand dollars, and any goods and chattels whatsoever of the gift, alienation or bequest of any person or persons whomsoever; 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 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 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, 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.

Section V. (Section V, P. L.) 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 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 purposes 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 installments 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 directors aforesaid, on orders drawn in their favor by the county commissioners, as the same may be found necessary.

Section VI. (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That it shall be the duty of the said directors, on or before the first day of November, in each and every year, to furnish the commissioners of said county with a statement of the probable expense of the said poor, and poor-house, for one year; the amount of which statement shall be assessed and collected with other county rates and levies, and paid by the county treasurer to the directors aforesaid, on orders drawn in their favor by the county commissioners, as the same may be found necessary; and 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 accounts 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 thereunto 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, interest 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.

Section VII. (Section VII, P. L.) 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 several townships of the said county of Franklin; 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, 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.

Section VIII. (Section VIII, P. L.) 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 Franklin; 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 Franklin, or to the overseers of the proper townships in any other county of this commonwealth, or constable in such counties as have no overseers, and to the said directors of the poor, and of the house of employment of the said county of Franklin; and the said directors are hereby authorized, when they shall deem it proper and convenient so to do, to permit any poor person or persons to be maintained elsewhere.

Section IX. (Section IX, P. L.) 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 Franklin, and shall have received the approbation of the said court.

Section X. (Section X, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That a committee consisting of at least two 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 all persons in their employment or otherwise.

Section XI. (Section XI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said directors shall each

of them receive for their services forty dollars per annum, to defray the expenses of their necessary attendance on the duties of their office.

Section XII. (Section XII, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case of any vacancy or vacancies by death, resignation, removal, neglect, refusal or otherwise, of any of the said directors, a majority of the remaining directors shall fill such vacancy or vacancies 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.

Section XIII. (Section XIII, P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That as soon as the poor of the county of Franklin shall be removed to the house of employment of the said county, and the overseers then in office have settled their official accounts with the auditors of the respective townships, (annually elected for that purpose), it shall be the duty of the said overseers to pay over all the monies remaining in their hands to the supervisors of their respective townships; to be by them applied towards the repairing of the public roads therein; and the office of overseer of the poor within the said county shall from thenceforth be abolished; and all monies arising from fines, trespassing creatures, &c., that by the existing laws are directed to be paid to the overseers of the poor, shall from that time be paid to the supervisors of the roads within the respective townships to be expended and accounted for by them in the same manner as other township monies are directed to be.

Section XIV. (Section XIV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the laws of this commonwealth relating to the poor as is by this act altered or supplied, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Section XV. (Section XV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the commissioners of the said county are hereby authorized and empowered to pay to the persons who may be elected or appointed by virtue of

this act to fix the place where the buildings for the accommodation of the poor in 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 carrying on and erecting the buildings aforesaid: Provided, the said buildings shall be completed within four years from the passing of this act.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCLXXIX.

AN ACT GRANTING A SUM OF MONEY TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE READING ACADEMY FOR THE USE OF THE SAID ACADEMY.

Section I. (Section I, P. L.) 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 sum of two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby granted to the trustees of Reading academy; to assist and enable them to erect a suitable building for the said academy or public school; to be paid by a warrant to be drawn by the governor on the state treasurer, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

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CHAPTER MMDCCCLXXX.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THOMAS ALLESON AND SAMUEL AGNEW TO SELL AND CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED.

Whereas John Alleson, late of Washington county, deceased, died seized of a certain tract of land, containing two hundred and sixty acres, situate in the county aforesaid; and by his last will and testament, devised one third thereof to his wife Jane Alleson for the term of her natural life, one