

## CHAPTER MMMCXXIX.

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE POOR GRATIS.

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 it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the several counties within this commonwealth, at the time of issuing their precepts to the assessors, annually to direct and require the assessor of each and every township, ward and district, to receive from the parents the names of all the children between the ages of five and twelve years, who reside therein, and whose parents are unable to pay for their schooling; and the commissioners, when they hold appeals, shall hear all persons who may apply for alterations or additions of names in the said list, and make all such alterations as to them shall appear just and reasonable, and agreeably to the true intent and meaning of this act; and after adjustment, they shall transmit a correct copy thereof to the respective assessor, requiring him to inform the parents of the children therein contained, that they are at liberty to send them to the most convenient school, free of expense; and the said assessor, for any neglect of the above duty, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, to be sued for by any person, and recovered as debts of that amount are now recoverable, and to be paid into the county treasury, for county purposes: Provided always, that the names of no children whose education is otherwise provided for, shall be received by the assessor of any township or district.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said assessor shall send a list of the names of the children aforesaid, to the teachers of schools within his township, ward or district, whose duty it shall be to teach all such children as may come to their schools, in the same manner as other children are taught; and each

teacher shall keep a day-book, in which he shall enter the number of days each child entitled to the provisions of this act shall be taught; and he shall also enter in said book, the amount of all stationary furnished for the use of said child, from which book he shall make out his account against the county, on oath or affirmation, agreeably to the usual rates of charging for tuition in the said school, subject to the examination and revision of the trustees of the school where there are any; but where there are no trustees, to three reputable subscribers to the school, which account, after being so examined or revised, he shall present to the county commissioners, who, if they approve thereof, shall draw their order on the county treasurer for the amount, which he is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of any monies in the treasury.

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#### CHAPTER MMMCXXX.

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A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE REGULATION OF THE MILITIA OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA." (4).

Whereas great inconvenience and hardship arises out of the present law regulating the militia of this commonwealth, to the enrolled militia south of Loyalsock creek, in Lycoming county, composing the second battalion of the first regiment and tenth division aforesaid, now commanded by Major Arthur M'Kisson, inasmuch as a great portion of them have not only to cross the river and several large streams of water, but have to travel from twenty to thirty miles, to Williamsport, their usual place of regimental meeting: Therefore,

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