

## No. 153.

## AN ACT

Supplementary to the several acts incorporating a company to make a turnpike road, from the northern termination of the York and Conewago turnpike road, to the west end of the Harrisburg bridge.

Governor  
authorised  
to subscribe  
an additional  
sum of  
\$6000.

SECT. 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 in addition to the number of shares which the Governor is authorised and directed to subscribe in behalf of this commonwealth to the York Haven and Harrisburg bridge turnpike road company, by the supplement passed the twenty fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, the Governor is hereby authorised and directed to subscribe one hundred and twenty shares, amounting to six thousand dollars, to be paid by warrants drawn by the Governor on the state treasury, in the manner and on the conditions prescribed by the several supplements to the act incorporating said company.

Time of com-  
mencement  
extended one  
year from  
date.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the time for commencing operations on said road, be and is hereby extended for the term of one year from the passage of this act.

FRED'K SMITH, *Speaker*  
*of the House of Representatives.*

WM. G. HAWKINS,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the sixth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

GEO. WOLF.

## No. 154.

## AN ACT

To provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor in the county of Washington.

SECT. 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 James Lee, of Cross creek, Alexander Reed, Joseph Barr, Wallace M'Wil-

liams, Zepheniah Beall, William Patterson, of Ten Mile, and David Eckert, be appointed commissioners, whose duty it shall be, or a majority of them, on or before the first day of November next, to determine upon and purchase a scite and building or on which a building shall be erected, for the reception and accommodation of the poor of Washington county, and it shall be lawful for said commissioners or a majority of them, to take conveyances therefor in the name and for the use of the corporation mentioned in the third section of this act, and they shall certify their proceedings therein under their hands and seals, to the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of Washington county, to be filed in his office, and at the next general election the qualified electors shall elect three reputable citizens of the said county, to be directors of the poor and of the house of employment for the county of Washington for the ensuing year, and the judges of the election of said county, shall immediately on receiving the returns from the several election districts, and casting up the number of votes therein, or within three days thereafter, certify under their hands and seals the names of the persons so elected directors, 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 directors of their being elected, and the said directors shall meet at the court house in the said county, on the 1st Monday of 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, of the second at the expiration of the second year, 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 described, may serve for three years, and one-third may be chosen annually.

Commissioners appointed to fix upon scite.

Duties relative to purchase.

3 directors of the poor to be chosen at next election.

Their first meeting and classification

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every director elected in manner aforesaid, or appointed as is directed by the eleventh 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 said office, take an oath or affirmation, which any justice of the peace of the said county is hereby authorised to administer, that he will discharge the duties of 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 said oath or affirmation within the time aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for the use of the poor of said county, which fine shall be recovered by the directors for the time being, as debts are or shall be by

Oath of office

Penalty on neglect or refusal.

Authorised to administer oaths.

law recoverable, and the directors qualified as aforesaid, are hereby authorised to administer an oath or affirmation in any case where it shall be necessary in relation to the duties of their office.

Incorporation.

SECT. 3. *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, relative to the poor of the county of Washington, 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 Washington," and by that name shall and may receive, take, and hold any lands, tenements and hereditaments not exceeding the yearly value of ten thousand dollars, and any goods and chattels whatsoever, of the gift, alienation or bequest of any person or persons whatsoever, to purchase, take, and hold, any lands and tenements within their county, in fee simple or otherwise, and erect suitable buildings for the reception, use and accommodation of the poor of said county, to provide all things necessary for the reception, lodging, maintenance and employment of 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 (that) he will well and truly pay and deliver over to his successor in office, all moneys, bonds, notes, book accounts, and other papers to the said corporation belonging, which shall be then remaining in his hands, custody and possession, and said directors shall have power to employ and at pleasure remove a steward or stewards, matron or matrons, physician or physicians, surgeon or surgeons, and all other attendants that may be necessary 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 years, 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 are hereby empowered to use one common seal in all business relating to the said corporation, and the same at their pleasure to alter or renew.

Title.

Privileges, &c.

Treasurer. Bond, duties, &c.

Directors to employ attendants, bind out, &c.

Seal.

Directors to estimate expenses.

SECT. 4. *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 the lands and building, or erecting the necessary building, and

furnishing the same, and the maintaining the poor within the said county for one year, whereupon the county commissioners of the said county shall and they are hereby authorised and required to increase the county tax by one-fourth part of the sum necessary for the purpose aforesaid, and shall procure on loan on the credit of the taxes herein directed to be levied, the remaining three-fourths thereof, to be paid in instalments 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 purpose 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.

County commissioners to increase tax and procure on loan.

*Proviso.*  
If loan cannot be made.

SECT. 5. *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 an estimate of the probable expense of the poor and poor house for one year, and it shall be the duty of said commissioners to assess and cause to be collected the amount of said estimate, which shall be paid to said directors by the county treasurer, on warrants 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 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 at least once in every year lay before the court of quarter sessions and grand jury of said county, a list of the number, ages and sex, 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 apprenticeship, as aforesaid, with the names of their 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, interests and moneys 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.

Directors to furnish commissioners with annual estimate.

Amount to be assessed, collected and paid over.

Annual account to county auditors and list to court and jury.

Subject to examination of visitors.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That as soon as the said buildings shall be erected or

Transfer of  
poor to  
house.

In case of  
sickness  
allowance  
for mainte-  
nance and  
expenses of  
removal.

Who shall be  
entitled to  
support.

How admit-  
ted.

Out door  
paupers.

Proviso.  
Expense not  
to exceed  
cost in house.

Directors to  
make rules,  
&c. for gov-  
ernment of  
house.

Proviso.

purchased, 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 Washington, requiring them forthwith to bring the poor of their respective townships to said house of employment, which order the overseers are hereby enjoined and required to comply with, or otherwise to forfeit the costs of all future maintenance, except in cases when by sickness or any 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 may be in a situation to be removed, and then 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.

SECT. 7. *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 said county of Washington, 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 Washington, or to the overseers of the proper township, in any other county of this commonwealth, and to the said directors of the poor and of the house of employment of the said county of Washington, and the said directors are hereby authorised, when they shall deem it proper and convenient so to do, to permit any poor person or persons to be maintained elsewhere: *Provided,* The expense of their maintenance does not in any case exceed that for which they could be maintained at the poor house of the said county of Washington.

SECT. 8. *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 cognizance: *Provided,*

The same be not repugnant to this law, or any of the other 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 county of Washington, and shall have received the approbation of the same.

2d proviso.

To be approved by court.

SECT. 9. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That a quorum of 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 that may happen by the neglect or misconduct of any person or persons in their employment or otherwise.

Monthly inspection.

SECT. 10. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said directors shall each of them receive for their services, annually, the sum of twenty dollars, to defray the expenses of their necessary attendance on the duties of their office.

Expenses of directors.

SECT. 11. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That in case of any vacancy, by death, resignation or otherwise, of any of the said directors, the remaining directors shall fill such vacancy by the appointment of a citizen of their county, under the same penalty as is provided by the third section of this act, to serve until the next general election, when another director shall be elected, to serve as if no such vacancy had happened.

Vacancy filled by other directors.

SECT. 12. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all claims and demands existing at the time of this act being carried into effect, shall have full force and effect, as if this act had not been passed; and when the same shall have been duly adjusted and settled, all moneys remaining in the hands of the overseers, as well as the uncollected taxes levied for the support of the poor in the several townships in the county of Washington, shall be paid over to the supervisors of the highways of their respective townships, to be by them applied towards repairing the roads therein.

Money remaining with overseers, & uncollected poor tax to be paid to supervisors of highways.

SECT. 13. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That as soon as the poor of the county of Washington shall be removed to the house of employment of the said county, and the outstanding taxes collected and paid over, the office of overseer of the poor within the said county shall from thenceforth be abolished.

When the office of overseer to be abolished.

SECT. 14. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the powers conferred and the duties imposed on the overseers of the poor, in and by an act to empower the overseers and guardians of the poor of the several

Certain duties & funds transferred to supervisors of highways.

townships within this commonwealth, to recover certain fines, penalties and forfeitures, and for other purposes, are hereby conferred and imposed on the supervisors of the highways in the said county of Washington, and that the justices of the peace and sheriff within the said county are hereby required and enjoined to pay to the said supervisors, to be by them applied to the repair of the highways, the aforesaid fines, forfeitures and penalties, within the time and in the manner prescribed by the said act for the payment thereof in other counties, to the overseers of the poor, and to give notice of the receipt thereof to the said supervisors, within the time and in the manner aforesaid, and that for any neglect or refusal to perform any of the duties enjoined on them by the said act, the said justices of the peace and sheriff in the said county, shall be subject to all fines, penalties and forfeitures to which the justices and sheriffs in other counties by the said act are subject or liable.

Penalty on neglect to perform duties.

Comm'rs for fixing site, and directors for building to be compensated.

SECT. 15. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the commissioners of said county are hereby authorised and empowered to pay to the persons who are appointed by this act, to fix the place where the building for the accommodation of the poor in the said county shall be erected, such sums of money as will be sufficient to re-imburse 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 term they are employed in erecting the building aforesaid.

Repealing section.

SECT. 16. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the laws of this commonwealth, relating to the poor, as are by this act altered or supplied, be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as they affect the county of Washington.

FRED'K SMITH, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

WM. G. HAWKINS,  
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APPROVED—the sixth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

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