

SECTION 2. That this act shall not take effect unless its provisions Stockholders' ac- shall be accepted by the stockholders of said company, at a special ceptation. meeting to be called by the president and managers for the purpose of considering the same, of which at least twenty days notice shall be given by the secretary of said company, by advertisement, in two daily papers published in the city of Philadelphia.

SECTION 3. That the said Philadelphia and Reading railroad company Statement. shall, within thirty days from the passage of this act, furnish to the governor to be laid before the legislature a correct statement of the amount of the capital stock and loans of said company, for which certificates have been issued respectively, and the amount of debts due by the said company.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 267.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To "An Act to consolidate and amend the several acts relative to a general system of education by common schools."

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 from and after the passing of this act no person shall be incompetent to give evidence in any suit or action in which any school district, or any officer thereof, is a party, for or on account of the said person being an inhabitant of the township or district, or by reason of his being liable to the payment of any tax in which said school district may be interested. Witnesses.

SECTION 2. That in all cases where any secretary of any board of Certificates. school district has omitted, or shall hereafter omit to file in the prothonotary's office, the certificate required by the eighth section of the act of twelfth April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, entitled "A supplement to 'An Act to consolidate the several acts relative to a general system of education by common schools,' passed the thirteenth June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six," within the three months named in said section, such certificate may be filed within five years after the delivery of the warrant and duplicate to the collector, with the same effect as if done within the said three months: *Provided,* That the lien shall only be construed to take effect from the time of the filing of such certificate.

Non-accepting
districts.

SECTION 3. That the directors of common schools in such districts as became non-accepting school districts by the result of the election held in May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, are hereby authorized to levy and collect a tax sufficient to defray the expenses of educating those children, whose parents are unable to pay for their education, from the first Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, to the first Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and to examine said teachers' bills, have them duly attested, and pay the same.

Tax.

SECTION 4. That no tax that has been authorized to be levied or levied and apportioned for school purposes, in any school district, shall be deemed invalid, because the same was authorized to be levied, or levied and apportioned after the time or times specified in the act of assembly passed in 1836, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the several acts relative to a general system of education by common schools," but the same shall be as good and valid as if the tax had been authorized to be levied, or levied and apportioned at the time or times directed by said act; and the duplicates made out and warrants issued for the collection of any such tax, shall be as good, valid and effectual, as if the said tax had been authorized to be levied, or had been levied and apportioned at the time or times directed by said act.

Suits against
school directors.

SECTION 5. On the trial of any suit or action brought or to be brought by or against any board of school directors, or any of its members, their president or collector, the entry on the minute book of the board that the district had accepted the school law, shall be prima facie evidence of such acceptance; the entry on their minute book of the result of any district meeting held for the purpose of voting on the question of schools or no schools, or for the purpose of voting an additional tax, shall be prima facie evidence that such meeting was duly organized and held, and also of the result thereof, and that due notice thereof had been previously given.

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