

No. 285.

A N A C T

Authorizing the canal commissioners to settle the damages sustained by Henry L. Patterson, on the Allegheny Portage railroad.

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 canal commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and required to examine the claim of Henry L. Patterson, for damages alleged to have been sustained by him, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, on the Portage railroad, by reason of the insufficiency of plane ropes, and fire caused by locomotive engines destitute of the usual guards; and if they shall ascertain that damages were caused by neglect or carelessness on the part of state agents, or by insufficiency of said ropes or engines, they shall allow him compensation for the damages which he shall prove to have actually sustained.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 286.

A N A C T

Relating to school districts, in county of Washington.

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 passage of this act, it shall be lawful for persons living at too inconvenient a distance from the school in their own district, to send into the nearest adjoining district: *Provided,* That the tax levied on such person or persons for school purposes, be always paid into the treasury of the district to which such person or persons send, whether in or out of the township in which they live.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. This act shall have full force in the county of Washington, only, and any laws heretofore passed, regulating schools districts,

conflicting therewith, be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as relates to the said county.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM BIGLER,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

DAVID R. PORTER.

No. 287.

A N A C T

To incorporate the borough of Woodcock, in the county of Crawford.

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 territory lying in the township of Woodcock, in the county of Crawford, included within the following boundaries, viz: Bounded on the north by the south line of Venango township, on the east by land of David Humes, William Griffith, Elias Wicoff and Daniel Shaffer, on the south by land of Henry Rust to the Waterford and Susquehanna turnpike; thence from the south-east corner of land of Jacob Rust, westerly by land of Henry Rust to the east line of land of John M. Humes; and thence northerly by land of John M. Humes and Thomas M. Humes, to the south line of Venango township, containing six hundred and forty acres, is hereby erected into a borough, to be called the borough of Woodcock. Boundaries.

SECTION 2. The inhabitants of said borough, qualified to vote for members of the general assembly, shall, on the fourth Friday of May next, and on the third Friday of March in every year thereafter, meet at the school house in said borough, and then and there, between the hours of one o'clock and seven o'clock in the afternoon, elect by ballot one citizen, who shall be styled the burgess of said borough, and four other citizens to be members of the town council; and at the first election, three school directors, one to serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and thereafter one school director annually, and one person to be constable of said borough, whose names shall be returned to the next court of quarter sessions, for the like persons as in elections of township constables; the said inhabitants shall also, at the same time and place, elect one justice of the peace, judges and inspectors of elections and assessors, agreeably to the laws of this commonwealth; the said elections shall be conducted in the same manner as is provided for the election of township officers of this commonwealth, except that the certificates of the election of burgess and town council and school directors shall be filed among the records of the cor- Annual election.