

specified, they shall give notice to such purchaser or purchasers, contractor or contractors, as is directed in the fourth section of this act; and if any of them neglect or refuse to comply with said notice, they shall proceed as is directed in the aforesaid section of this act, and enforce payment in like manner.

SECTION 7. The supervisors of said townships shall be allowed such Pay. compensation for their services, as the auditors of the township may deem just and equitable, not exceeding one dollar for every day they shall be necessarily employed in discharging the duties of their office.

SECTION 8. So much of the laws of this commonwealth relating to public roads and highways, as is inconsistent herewith, is hereby repealed, so far as relates to the townships of New Garden and Pennsylvania, in the county of Chester. Repeal.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 99.

AN ACT

To provide for the election of commissioners for opening and repairing the public highways in Blockley township, Philadelphia county, and for other purposes.

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 qualified electors of the township of Blockley shall, at the time and place of holding their township election, on the third Friday of March, eighteen hundred and forty-five, elect nine citizens of the said township to serve as commissioners, whose duty it shall be to have the supervision of the public highways of the said township, and cause the same to be opened and repaired as they are at present by the supervisors, or by contract in part or the whole, to the lowest and best bidder, (of which ten days' notice, in at least ten of the most public places in the township, shall be given,) as they or a majority of them shall determine; and the said commissioners shall be subject to the same penalties, and shall have all the powers and authority vested in them, which supervisors of the public highways have under the laws of this commonwealth, whose office as well as duties it is intended they shall supply, and their notification of election, and the returns thereof, shall be the same as are provided by law for the supervisors. Commissioners.

SECTION 2. The said commissioners shall meet on the first Thursday after their election in said township, at two o'clock in the afternoon of the said day, and proceed to divide themselves by lot into three classes, Classification.

one-third to serve one year, one-third two years, and the remaining one-third three years; and the qualified electors of said township shall annually thereafter, at the same time and place, and in the same manner, elect three citizens of the said township to serve as commissioners aforesaid, who shall hold their office for three years: *Provided*, That in case of a vacancy, by death or otherwise, of any of the said commissioners, the board of commissioners at their next stated meeting shall elect a suitable person to supply the vacancy until the next annual election, at which time and place, and in manner aforesaid, the qualified electors in said township, shall elect a commissioner to supply such vacancy; the said commissioners, (a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum,) shall hold stated meetings, and annually elect from their number a president and secretary; it shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a full and correct record of all their proceedings, which shall be entered in a book for that purpose, and open to the inspection of all persons interested therein; they may adopt from time to time, rules and regulations for their own government at their stated meetings, and call special meetings when necessary, as they or a majority of them shall approve.

Tax. SECTION 3. The said commissioners shall order and direct the per centum of tax to be annually levied for opening and repairing the public highways; they shall appoint a collector, whose duty it shall be to collect and pay to the order of the commissioners, whose orders shall be signed by the president, and attested by the secretary, all the moneys so assessed and levied for the opening and repairing the public highways, whose commission shall not exceed five per cent. for collecting and paying over the same, and shall give such security in the amount of the tax levied for the faithful performance of his duty as the commissioners shall approve, and the accounts of said commissioners shall be annually audited by the township auditors as other accounts are by law audited: *Provided*, That no commissioner shall be concerned either directly or indirectly, in any contract for the opening or repairing of the public highways, or be entitled to receive any compensation for their services, neither shall they or any of them serve as collector, or be security for any collector, or serve as township auditor, during their term of office.

Overseer of the poor. SECTION 4. That from and after the passage of this act, there shall be elected annually by the said citizens at the aforesaid time and place, in lieu of the two overseers of the poor for the said township, one competent citizen, whose duty it shall be to perform all the duties which overseers of the poor are by law required to perform, and be subject to the like liabilities: *Provided*, That in lieu of the power to levy and collect the poor tax, the said overseer of the poor shall, immediately on receipt of the notice of his election, make an estimate of the amount that will probably be required for the support and maintenance of the poor of said township for the ensuing year, and lay the same before the auditors of said township for their examination and approval, and when so approved shall give notice in writing to the commissioners elected under the provisions of this act; and it shall be the duty of the said commissioners, on the receipt of the said requisition, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to levy the said amount of poor tax, and cause the same to be collected by the said collector in the same manner as poor taxes are now by law levied and collected, for which the said collector shall be allowed five per cent., and be required to give such additional security as the said commissioners shall require, for the faithful collection of the same, and for promptly paying all orders drawn by the said overseer of the poor; and as a full com-

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pensation to the said overseer of the poor for the faithful performance of his services, he shall be paid, by orders drawn and signed by the said president and secretary on the said collector, the sum of one hundred dollars, in quarterly payments.

SECTION 5. That the qualified citizens of the township aforesaid School directors shall, at the aforementioned time and place, elect three citizens in addition to the number now required by law to serve as school directors, and the said directors so elected shall divide themselves by lot into three classes, one-third to serve one year, one-third two years, and the remaining one-third three years, and annually thereafter the qualified electors of said township shall elect two citizens to serve as school directors; and that so much of the acts, or parts of acts of assembly, as the foregoing acts are intended to supply in the township of Blockley, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. That hereafter the commissioners of Washington county Washington shall not be required to hold appeals in the respective townships of said county commissioners. county, and it is hereby made the duty of the commissioners to convene at the commissioners' office in the town of Washington, on the first Monday in every month, and then and there, and at every other time when in session, to hear the complaint of any person or persons to whom a tax is charged, and if the commissioners are satisfied that injustice has been done to any such complainant in the assessment or charge of tax, the commissioners shall correct and adjust the same on principles of law and equity, in the same manner as now practiced when holding appeals in the respective townships.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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