

No. 183.

AN ACT

For the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Samuel Meredith, deceased, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Samuel Meredith, in his lifetime, being the owner of a tract of land called "Porter's Lodge," in the warrantee name of Jacob Van Reed, containing fifty-three and a-half acres and allowance, situate on the east side of the Susquehanna river, at the mouth of Rummerfield's creek, then in Luzerne county, now in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, did, on the twenty-fourth of August, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, under the provisions of an act of the general assembly of Pennsylvania, passed the fourth day of April, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, entitled "An Act for offering compensation to the Pennsylvania claimants, of certain lands within the seventeen townships, in the county of Luzerne, and for other purposes therein mentioned," by deed duly executed and filed in the land office of Pennsylvania, for the purposes, and for the consideration expressed in said act, convey and release the said tract of land to the said commonwealth, and surrendered the patent for the same to the land office :

And whereas, The said tract being afterwards found to lie without the boundaries of the said seventeen townships, was not granted out, or certified under the provisions of said act; nor was any compensation or allowance ever made to the grantor, or his heirs or legal representatives for the same, and the title to the said land yet remaining in the commonwealth; therefore,

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 all the right, title and interest in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of, in and to a certain tract of land called "Porter's Lodge," in the warrantee name of Jacob Van Reed, containing fifty-three acres and a-half with allowance, situate on the east side of the river Susquehanna, at the mouth of Rummerfield's creek, in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, which was conveyed and released to the said commonwealth, on the twenty-fourth day of August, Anno Domini, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, by Samuel Meredith, be and the same is hereby re-conveyed and re-transferred to the heirs and legal representatives of the said Samuel Meredith, deceased; and the proper officers are hereby directed, upon the payment of the proper fees and charges therefor, to issue to the heirs and legal representatives aforesaid, a confirmatory patent for the same.*

SECTION 2. That in case the heirs and legal representatives aforesaid, cannot agree with the parties in actual possession of said lands, as to compensation to the price to be paid therefore, the same may be settled by arbitrators, mutually chosen and agreed upon by said parties, or in case of an ejectment for said land, the jury or arbitrators trying the said cases, shall fix the price and compensation to be paid therefor, upon principles of justice and equity, and the verdict and judgment in such suits shall be proceeded in, and collected, as in cases of ejectment upon articles of agreement to recover the price of land.

Undrawn donation lands.

SECTION 3. That all undrawn tracts of donation land, situate north and west of the rivers Ohio, Allegheny and Conewango creek, may be patented in the same manner, and upon the same terms as other lands which are open for settlement within said territory.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 184.

AN ACT

To authorize the overseers of the poor of the borough of Lewistown, in the county of Mifflin, to erect a poor house.

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

Mode of ascertaining assent of citizens.

for the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the citizens of the borough of Lewistown, as to the expediency of establishing a poor house for said borough, the qualified voters of the several wards of said borough shall, on Saturday, the third day of May next, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, express their desire by voting tickets, labelled on the outside "Poor House," and inside the words "For a Poor House" or "Against a Poor House," as the several voters may desire; and if it shall appear by such election that a majority of the qualified electors of said borough are in favor of establishing a poor house, then the overseers of the poor of said borough, shall proceed to select and purchase a suitable property for that purpose, as convenient to said borough as may be, and make all necessary arrangements, and remove the poor of said borough to said poor house as soon as practicable: *Provided*, That the said overseers shall not purchase a property at a greater price than two thousand five hundred dollars, for the land and the improvements necessary for its suitable occupation as a poor house, and shall not pay more than five hundred dollars in hand, and a like sum each year, till the whole purchase money be paid, so that the poor taxes of said borough may be as light as possible.

Proviso.

Employment of poor.

SECTION 2. The said overseers shall provide suitable work and keep the poor employed in gardening, or such mechanical work as they may think suitable and profitable, and to employ some suitable person to reside at the poor house and take charge of the poor, under the direction of the overseers, who shall have all the powers necessary for the proper