

regulation of the poor house, in addition to the powers under the present laws regulating the support and employment of the poor.

SECTION 3. The said poor house, and the property thereto attached, shall not be liable to be taxed for any other than state purposes. Exempted from tax.

SECTION 4. That the townships of Granville and Derry may be attached, if the majority of the said qualified voters of said townships require it, and that the said voters of said townships may decide the same by ballot, at the annual election on the second Tuesday of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, by voting for or against a poor house in said township, and that the return judges of said elections shall make returns of the same, in like manner as the other returns of said annual election are made: *Provided*, That the townships of Granville and Derry shall be allowed to contribute to the purchase of such property, and assist in the erection of such buildings, as may be necessary for the said poor house, in the proportion of twenty-five hundred dollars for each of the said townships, to be paid in the time and manner provided for in the first section of said act: *Provided*, The whole expenses shall not exceed the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars.

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. 185.

A N A C T

To authorize the trustees of the Reading academy to transfer the said academy to the school directors of the borough of Reading.

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 trustees of the Reading academy, in the county of Berks, be and they are hereby authorized, with the assent and approbation of a majority of the actual members of the said board, to transfer the academy buildings and lot of ground thereto belonging, in the said borough of Reading, heretofore and now held by the said trustees, conformably with the provisions of the act of assembly incorporating the said academy, passed the tenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, to the directors of the common schools of the several wards of the said borough of Reading, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Academy transferred. High school.

therein, in lieu of and instead of the academy as at present established by law, a high school for tuition in classical literature and the higher branches of education, according to a plan to be adopted by the said directors of the common schools of Reading, not inconsistent with the provisions of the act of the general assembly for establishing a general system of education by common schools, passed the thirteenth day of June, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and the supplements thereto.

Payment of liens
against said academy.

Reversion.

SECTION 2. The real estate so transferred as aforesaid, shall be held by the said directors of the common schools of the several wards of Reading, subject to the payment of all liens and incumbrances thereon, and all debts due and owing by the Reading academy, or the trustees, on account of, and which the said directors shall pay and discharge out of the common school funds to be raised by them by taxes to be levied for that purpose according to law, before the said academy buildings and lot shall be vested in the school directors; and in the event of the repeal of the common school law, or the rejection of the common school system by the said borough, or of the definitive failure thereof from any cause whatever, then and in either of these cases the said real estate shall revert to the trustees of the Reading academy; and if there be no trustees of said academy then living, the said real estate shall vest in such persons as the legislature of this commonwealth shall, on application, appoint to supply the places of the trustees of the said academy upon the original trust created by the act of incorporation as aforesaid, freed and discharged from the liens and incumbrances so paid by the directors of the common school of Reading as aforesaid.

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.