

Duty of sheriff.

act to take effect ; but if a majority of votes are found to be against a poor house, the foregoing act be and the same is hereby null and void.

SECTION 19. And the sheriff of Somerset county shall cause to be published the eighteenth section of this act, in all the newspapers published in said county, at least six weeks previous to the next general election, the expenses of which is to be paid out of the county treasury.

York county directors of the poor.

SECTION 20. That the directors of the poor, in the county of York, are hereby forbidden to sell or dispose of any grain, meat, or other provisions of their own production or raising, to the almshouse and hospital of said county ; and if they, or either of them, shall violate the provisions of this section, by selling or furnishing to the said almshouse and hospital any grain, meat or other provisions, for the use of the said almshouse and hospital, they, or the one so offending, shall pay a penalty of one hundred dollars, to be recovered as debts of similar amount are now recovered.

Contested justices' election.

SECTION 21. That in all cases where the election of justices of the peace shall be contested, the justices then in commission shall continue to exercise and discharge the duties of their respective offices, until their successors are duly commissioned and qualified.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JNO. B. STERIGERE,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 311.

A N A C T

Relating to dog tax in certain townships in Delaware county.

Treasurer of dog fund.

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, the whole amount of dog tax collected in the townships of Aston, Thornbury, Edgmont and Marple, in Delaware county, under existing laws, instead of being paid into the county treasury, as heretofore, shall be paid to the town clerk of the proper township, who is hereby constituted treasurer of the dog fund, and who shall give satisfactory security to the township auditors, if required, for the faithful performance of his trust; and in case of his neglect or refusal so to give security, the auditors shall appoint a suitable person to fill said office until a successor be chosen.

Orders for damages, &c.

SECTION 2. All orders for damage and destruction done to sheep by dogs in said townships, shall be drawn upon the said treasurer of the dog fund, who shall forthwith pay the same, if sufficient funds remain

in his hands for the purpose, to the person in whose favor such order is drawn; otherwise, as soon as sufficient funds shall accrue, the orders to take precedence according to the dates thereof, and be signed by at least two of the auditors.

SECTION 3. That if at the expiration of any fiscal year, there shall remain a balance in the hands of said treasurer, after paying all orders then due, it shall be the duty of said treasurer, upon the requisition of the township auditors, to pay over the said balance into the hands of the supervisors of the respective townships, and take their receipt for the same; and the said supervisors shall appropriate the said balance to the repairs of the public highways in said townships, and faithfully account for the same.

SECTION 4. That in all cases where taxes are assessed and paid on dogs in the said townships, the said dogs shall be considered as personal property, and the owners thereof shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges in relation to the same, as in other cases of personal property.

SECTION 5. That all such portions of former laws as are inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed, so far as relates to said townships.

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A N A C T

To incorporate the Schuylkill railroad company.

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 Jacob S. Wain, Robert Earp, Thomas Haven, William Tams, James W. Sims, John W. Downing, John R. Wacherer, Henry Lelar, Thomas Sparks, John M'Canles, Charles Poulson, John Insley, William M. Evans, Joshua Bethel, Townsend Smith and Charles Robb, shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: They, or a majority of them, after giving three weeks public notice in two or more newspapers published in the city of Philadelphia, of the time and place by them appointed for that purpose, shall procure, open and keep open, for at least four hours each day, for three successive days, a suitable book, and receive subscriptions therein from all persons duly qualified and desirous of taking stock in the company to be incorporated in pursuance