

No. 61.

AN ACT

Relating to the directors of the poor of Lancaster county.

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 directors of the poor and house of employment, of the county of Lancaster, in addition to the powers which they now have by law, are hereby severally authorized and empowered to examine under oath or affirmation, any poor person or persons residing or being in said house of employment, touching his or her place of legal settlement.

SECTION 2. That the directors of said institution, or either of them, shall have like powers with justices of the peace, to administer an oath or affirmation to any person or persons touching or concerning any matter or thing connected with the business of said corporation; and the steward and clerk of said house of employment, for the time being, in the absence of said directors and by their order, shall have like powers with said directors to administer oaths or affirmations, as in this and the preceding section.

SECTION 3. That all poor and indigent persons as shall be entitled to relief, or shall have gained a legal settlement in said county of Lancaster, shall be admitted into the institution on an order for that purpose, granted by any one of said directors, or by any one justice of the peace of said county, for which service no justice of the peace shall be entitled to fees or reward; and the constables of said county of Lancaster, shall be entitled to receive from said directors, for executing an order for the relief or removal of a pauper or paupers, five cents per mile, circular, and no more: *Provided*, That in all cases in which there is more than one order executed by any constable at the same time, for the first order five cents for each mile circular, for the second four cents, for the third three cents, and for any additional number of orders above three, executed at the same time, no mileage shall be allowed.

SECTION 4. That from and after the passage of this act, the directors of the poor and house of employment of Lancaster county, for the time being, shall have full power and authority to bind out as apprentices, such poor children as may come under their notice, according to the acts of assembly, regulating the poor and house of employment of Lancaster county, and the poor of this commonwealth, without the approbation and consent of two or more magistrates.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DANIEL L. SHERWOOD,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

FRS. R. SHUNK.