

No. 255.

AN ACT

To authorize the trustees of the Reading academy, to transfer the said academy to the school directors of the borough of Reading, and for other purposes.

Trustees authorized to transfer academy and lot of ground.

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, (now created or hereafter to be created, or of such of the school wards as choose to accept the provisions of this act,) for the purpose of establishing and maintaining 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.

Academy to vest in school directors.

SECTION 2. The real estate so transferred as aforesaid shall be held by the said directors of the common school wards of Reading, subject to the payment of all liens and encumbrances thereon, 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 ; and in the event of the repeal of the common school law, or the rejection of the common school system of 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 said academy, upon the original trust created by the act of incorporation, as aforesaid, freed and discharged from the liens and encumbrances so paid by the directors of the common schools of Reading, aforesaid : *Provided however,* That such school ward or wards of the borough of Reading as do not accept the provisions of this act, shall not be liable for any of the liens or encumbrances against the said academy.

Proviso.

County commissioners of Philadelphia county,

SECTION 3. That no county commissioner for the county of Philadelphia, shall be eligible to serve as guardian of the poor, member of the

board of health, or director of the public schools, during his continuance in office. not eligible to certain other offices.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DANIEL L. SHERWOOD,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 256.

A N A C T

To authorize David Boyd to sell certain real estate, late of Mary M'Adams, deceased.

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 David Boyd, of the district of Spring Garden, in the county of Philadelphia, is hereby authorized and empowered to sell, convey in fee simple, at public or private sale, all the right, title and interest in the one moiety, or half part of a frame house and lot of ground, situate on the south side of Pine street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, in the city of Philadelphia, which was devised by Mary W. M'Adams, of the city of Philadelphia, unto Howell Hopkins, of the city of Philadelphia, in trust, for the use of certain of the children of her brother William M'Adams, except the interest in the said property now belonging to William Taylor and Mary his wife, late Mary M'Adams; and the said David Boyd, after receiving the purchase money of the said interests in the property authorized to be sold, as aforesaid, shall settle an account of the same in the orphans' court of the city and county of Philadelphia, which court, after making an allowance to the said David Boyd, for costs, and for other expenses attending the said sale, shall make distribution of the residue of the said purchase money, to or amongst the person or persons by law entitled to the same; which distribution and decree shall be conclusive upon all persons interested, unless the same be appealed from to the supreme court of this state, within one year from the date of the said decree: *Provided,* That the said David Boyd shall give bond, with security, to be approved by the orphans' court of said county, for the faithful application of the proceeds of said sale; and said sale shall be approved by the said court.

Power to sell.
Settle account.
Proviso.
Security.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DANIEL L. SHERWOOD,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

FRS. R. SHUNK.