

No. 181.

AN ACT

Providing for the election of a wood corder within the borough of Lebanon.

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 qualified voters of the borough of Lebanon, shall, on the third day of March next, and annually thereafter, elect a suitable person as corder or measurer of wood that may be brought for sale within said borough, whose duty it shall be, either by himself or deputy duly appointed by him, to cord or measure, when called upon, any wood sold or offered for sale in said borough; for which services the corder aforesaid shall receive a compensation, to be paid by the vendee, of ten cents for each cord, seven cents for each three-quarters of a cord, and five cents for any less quantity; and in all cases where the wood so sold shall not hold out the full measure which the vendor sold or offered the same at, if the measuring or cording shall be done within twenty-four hours after the sale or offer for sale, as aforesaid, the seller shall forfeit one-half of the amount of the value of the wood so sold or offered for sale, which said forfeit shall be paid to the corder for the use of said borough; and in case of refusal of payment, the corder aforesaid may recover the same by suit, in like manner as other debts of like amount are recoverable, with costs.

Voters to elect a wood corder.

Compensation.

JAMES COOPER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CH. GIBBONS,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 182.

AN ACT

Incorporating the guardians of the poor of the city of Pittsburg.

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 City councils to within thirty days after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of elect guardians of the select and common councils of the city of Pittsburg, each respective poor.

tively, to elect six reputable citizens, residents of said city, who shall be styled guardians of the poor; it shall be the duty of said guardians to meet on the first Monday after their election, and after being duly sworn or affirmed before the mayor or an alderman of said city, to discharge the duties of their office with fidelity, they shall, after electing a president from their own body, removable at their pleasure, divide themselves into classes by lot, as follows, viz: the guardians by each council shall be divided into three classes, respectively, the first class to serve until the first Tuesday of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, the second until the first Tuesday of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and the third until the first Tuesday of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty; and it shall be the duty of the said select and common councils, on the first Tuesday of February next ensuing, and annually thereafter, each respectively, to elect two guardians to serve for three years: *Provided*, That all vacancies shall be supplied by the proper council, and only for the unexpired term.

Classification.

Proviso.

Powers and duties of guardians of the poor.

SECTION 2. That from and after the passage of this act, said guardians shall have full power to sell and dispose of, to the best advantage, all and any part of the poor house property, situated in Allegheny city, which may remain unsold at the time of their going into office, the proceeds of which, together with such as may have been realized from any sales of said property, previously made by councils and overseers of the poor, shall be subject to their control; and whatever balance may remain, after making full provision for securing the payment of the bonds issued by said city, for the purchase of the city farm, shall be used for the erection of buildings, the purchase of stock, farming utensils, and for any improvements or repairs on said farm, which the board of guardians may deem advisable; said farm to be exempted from all state, county and township taxation; also, that the action of the select and common councils of the city of Pittsburg, in purchasing a farm for the accommodation of the poor of said city, be and the same is hereby confirmed; and that it shall be the duty of said councils, as soon after the passage of this act as practicable, to deliver up to the guardians of the poor peaceable possession of said farm, with all that appertains thereunto, to be held by them and their successors in office forever, agreeably to the intention of this act; also, to deliver up to said guardians all moneys, bonds, mortgages or other obligations, which they may have received for any portion of the poor house property, which they may have sold or caused to be sold.

To be a body corporate.

Privileges.

Proviso.

SECTION 3. That the said guardians of the poor, for the time being, shall be a body politic and corporate in law, by the name of the guardians for the relief and employment of the poor of the city of Pittsburg, with all privileges, powers, and faculties of a body politic and corporate; and by that name may take, hold, and immediately on the organization of the board, shall be vested with all the estate, real, personal and mixed, whatsoever, now vested in or held by the overseers of the poor of the city of Pittsburg, in trust or otherwise; and may also hold to them or their successors, any other real or personal estate conveyed to them by grant, bargain or sale, or by gift, bequest or other alienation whatever; and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of record, or in any other place whatever; and may have a common seal, and make such laws, rules and orders, as shall appear to them, or a majority of them, useful and necessary for the government of said corporation, its officers, estates, property, and the business and affairs in general of the same: *Provided*, That such laws, rules and orders, be not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this

state or of the United States : *Provided further*, That said guardians shall not be entitled to receive any compensation for services in the ordinary discharge of their duties, but shall be exempted from serving as jurors and from military services. *Proviso.*

SECTION 4. That said guardians shall have full power to appoint, and at pleasure, remove all the necessary officers and servants ; and to fix all salaries, and to require sufficient securities for the faithful performance of their respective duties ; and to prescribe, and have enforced such rules and regulations for the better management and government of those who may become inmates of the house, and exercise all powers and authority heretofore vested in and exercised by the overseers of the poor of the city of Pittsburg ; to assess and collect the necessary amount of taxes, as other city and county taxes are now assessed and collected ; shall keep correct accounts of all receipts and expenditures, and shall allow free access to the same to any committee which councils may see fit to appoint ; said accounts shall be annually audited and published by a suitable committee appointed by councils for that purpose. *To appoint officers.*

SECTION 5. That the said board of guardians, or a majority of them, shall annually appoint a fit person, removable at their pleasure, to act as treasurer of the said corporation, who shall, before he enters on the execution of his office, enter into a bond to the said board of guardians, with two or more sufficient freehold sureties, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and at the expiration thereof, or his removal from the same, he, or in case of his death, his legal representatives, shall well and truly pay and deliver over to his successor all money, books, accounts, and papers belonging to the said corporation, which shall then be remaining in his or their hands or possession ; and it shall be the duty of the collector or collectors to pay over in every week, and render an account of all moneys which they shall respectively have received for or on account of the said poor tax, to the said treasurer, who shall give a receipt or receipts to such collector or collectors, for the money which he or they shall, from time to time pay to him, which receipt or receipts shall be a good and sufficient discharge to the said collector or collectors, for so much money as may be therein expressed to have been received ; it shall be the duty of such treasurer to pay out of the money belonging to the said corporation, in his hands, all orders that may be lawfully drawn on him by the order of the said board of guardians, signed by the president, or in his absence by the chairman, for the time being, and countersigned by the secretary. *To appoint treasurer. Surety. Collectors.*

SECTION 6. That it shall be the duty of the said board of guardians, or a majority of them, to appoint and employ fit persons, who are citizens, and each of whom shall actually reside in said city, to be collectors of the poor tax assessed and imposed upon the inhabitants of said city, which said collectors, so to be appointed, shall, with two or more sufficient freehold sureties to be joined therein, severally make and execute bond or bonds to the said guardians, in a sum equal to double the amount of their duplicates, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of their duties as collectors, and the final adjustment or settlement and discharge of the said collectors, for or on account of their respective duplicates : *Provided*, That the said collector or collectors shall at all times exhibit, when required, their accounts and vouchers to the examination of any committee appointed for that purpose by the board of guardians, or by the councils of said city. *Collectors of poor tax to be appointed. Surety. Proviso.*

SECTION 7. That within ten days after the organization of the board of guardians, it shall be the duty of the overseers of the poor to deliver to the board of guardians all claims, &c. *Overseers to surrender up to guardians all claims, &c.*

Proviso.

up to said guardians, any and every claim, interest and obligation which they may have, or may hereafter acquire, with all books, papers, and other documents appertaining to their office, together with any moneys they may have on hand: *Provided*, That all engagements, contracts or obligations lawfully entered into by said overseers, in the faithful performance of their duties, shall be carefully observed by said guardians, according to the true import of the same, as if the overseers still continued in office.

To admit poor.

SECTION 8. That said guardians are hereby authorized to receive, support or employ any poor, sick or infirm persons, from any township in the county of Allegheny, on such terms as shall be agreed upon by the overseers of the poor of such township or townships, and said guardians.

Repeal.

SECTION 9. That from and after the organization of the board of guardians of the poor, as above provided for, the office of overseer of the poor of the city of Pittsburg shall forever cease, and that so much of any law as is hereby altered or supplied, be and is hereby repealed.

JAMES COOPER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CH. GIBBONS,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 183.

AN ACT

Confirming the title of certain lands in Bradford county.

Warrants and patents issued for Dickinson college lands, made valid.

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 warrants and patents issued for the lands known as the Dickinson college lands, in the county of Bradford, are hereby declared valid; and the surveyor general is hereby directed to issue warrants or patents to the actual settlers, or their representatives, on their paying into the treasury of this commonwealth, the purchase money required to be paid by other actual settlers, within the purchase made in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four, known as the last purchase: *Provided*, That this act shall not be construed to have any effect in suits now in litigation, or that may hereafter be brought, in which the rights of individuals may be effected.

JAMES COOPER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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