

No. 257.

AN ACT

For the better regulation of the common school system, so far as relates to Ephrata township school district, in the county of Lancaster.

School district of Ephrata township, authorized to levy an additional tax.

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 in addition to the tax provided for by the act, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the several acts relative to a general system of education by common schools," passed the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and the supplements thereto, the school directors of Ephrata township school district, in the county of Lancaster, are hereby authorized to assess, upon each scholar that shall attend any of the public schools in said district, any sum not exceeding one dollar per quarter, at the discretion of said directors, to be paid by the parent, guardian, master or other person having charge of such scholars, in proportion to their ability to pay, in such a manner as is hereafter provided.

Power to collect said tax.

SECTION 2. It shall be lawful for said directors to demand and receive from any parent, guardian, master or other person having charge of any children in said district, that may send to any of the said schools, the amount of tax assessed upon each scholar at the commencement of each quarter; and if any parent, guardian, master or other person having charge of any such children, shall neglect or refuse to pay said tax on or before the expiration of the quarter, the president of the board of directors shall issue his warrant to the district collector, authorizing him to collect the same; and the said collector shall have like power to enforce the payment of the said tax, as is given him by the seventh section of the act of the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, to collect the tax assessed upon property for school purposes, and shall receive the like compensation for his services.

Power to exonerate.

SECTION 3. The said directors shall have full power to exonerate any parent, guardian, master or other person having charge of any children, from the payment of said tax, if they shall be satisfied of their inability to pay the same; but shall not exclude their children from said school for the non-payment of said tax.

Accounts of treasurer to be settled.

SECTION 4. That the accounts of the treasurer of said school shall, on or before the third Friday of April of each and every year, and oftener if necessary, be audited and adjusted by the board of school directors of said district.

Act to take immediate effect.

SECTION 5. That it shall be lawful for the school directors of said Ephrata township school district, if they shall deem it expedient, to levy and collect the tax authorized by the first section of this act, immediately upon the passage thereof.

Repeal.

SECTION 6. All laws relative to the common school system, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed, so

far as they relate to the Ephrata township school district, in the county of Lancaster.

JAMES COOPER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CH. GIBBONS,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 258.

AN ACT

Relative to the orphans' court.

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 jurisdiction of the several orphans' courts of this commonwealth, in the partition and valuation of real estate, shall extend to any undivided interest, in fee simple, in any lands or tenements of which any person has died or shall hereafter die seized or possessed, as tenant in common or joint owner, with any other person or persons, as fully as if such decedent were solely seized or possessed thereof at the time of his or her death; and the inquest or seven men appointed to value and divide such decedent's real estate, shall value and return such interest, undivided in all cases; and if such decedent had other real estate, such interest shall be valued and returned, either by itself or in connection with some other portion of such decedent's real estate, valued as one of the purparts or shares into which they shall divide the whole real estate; and upon the return thereof, the proceedings shall be as in other cases.

Jurisdiction extended to cases of common and joint tenancy.

JAMES COOPER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CH. GIBBONS,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.