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now living; or in case the tenant or tenants owning the real estate, charged with the payment of any such ground rents, shall be desirous of extinguishing the same, and the time for the doing thereof shall not be expired, it shall and may be lawful for the said executors, or the survivor of them, upon receipt of the principal sum or equivalent for such ground rents, and any arrears thereof, to seal and execute a sufficient release and discharge of such ground rents, or any of them, at the proper costs and charges of the person or persons requiring the same: *Provided*, That the proceeds arising from the exercise of the said powers hereby given, if the same be ground rents, shall be held, or if the same be money, be re-invested either in real estate or otherwise, for and upon the same uses, trusts and purposes as the same were held under said will, but that the purchaser or purchasers shall be in no wise responsible for the proper application of the purchase money, or any part thereof, and shall hold the same freed and discharged of all and every use and trust created by said will: *And provided also*, That all such re-investments shall be made under the direction and sanction of the orphans' court of Philadelphia county.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 274.

AN ACT

To authorize the construction of a railroad from the iron works in Providence township, Luzerne county, to certain iron ore lands in the townships of Providence and Lackawanna.

Authorizing certain persons in Luzerne county to construct a railroad from their iron works to their iron ore lands.

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 Selden S. Scranton, George W. Scranton, Joseph H. Scranton and Joseph C. Platt, and their associates, heirs and assigns doing business in the township of Providence, county of Luzerne, and state aforesaid, shall have the right to construct a single or double track railroad from their iron works and furnaces in said Providence township, to their iron ore lands in the townships of Providence and Lackawanna, a distance of about five miles, to be constructed along or near the course of the Stafford Meadow brook, and upon lands now unimproved; said road to be for their accommodation in transporting their coal, limestone, iron ore, and other personal property.

SECTION 2. That said road shall not pass within fifty feet of any building on said line of road, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof, and shall not interfere with any water rights or privileges upon said Stafford Meadow brook. Restriction.

SECTION 3. That in case of disagreement between the property holders on said line of road, and said Scrantons and Platt, the mode of assessing damages and all proceedings in regard thereto, shall be the same, in all respects, as is provided for in sections second and third of an act of assembly, entitled "An Act to authorize the Bloomsburg railroad and iron company to construct a railroad from the North Branch canal to their iron works on Fishing creek," passed the fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Assessment of damages.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

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

FRS. R. SHUNK.

No. 275.

AN ACT

To provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor, in a district composed of the townships of Brown, Armagh, Union and Meno, in the county of Mifflin.

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 Brown, Armagh, Union and Meno townships, in the county of Mifflin, be and are hereby erected into a district, for the purpose of supporting the poor in said townships; and that John Peachy, William Thompson, William Wilson and James Brisben, be and are hereby appointed commissioners, whose duty it shall be, or a majority of them, on or before the tenth day of November, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, to determine upon and purchase such real estate as they shall deem necessary for the accommodation of the poor of said district; and it shall be lawful for said commissioners, or a majority of them, to take conveyances therefor, in the name and for the use of the corporation mentioned in the third section of this act; and they shall certify their proceedings therein, under their hands and seals, to the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of Mifflin county, to be filed in his office; and at the next township election, the qualified electors of said townships shall elect three reputable citizens of the said district, to be directors of the poor and of the house of employment for the said district, for the ensuing year; and one of the judges of the

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Purchase and hold real estate.
Elect directors of the poor.