

No. 41.

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act of fifteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and the act of twenty-third January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, authorizing the erection of a poor house in Somerset 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 act, entitled "An Act to provide for the erection of a house for the employment and support of the poor of the county of Somerset, and for other purposes," approved fifteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and the supplement thereto, approved twenty-third January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, be and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid; and that all contracts made, and all official acts performed, in pursuance of said acts, shall have the force and effect intended to have been given to them by virtue thereof.

SECTION 2. That the directors of the poor house in said county, be hereby authorized and required to make suitable provisions for the reception and maintenance of all idiots, lunatics or insane persons within said county, who have been heretofore, or may be hereafter acquitted of any crime or misdemeanor, on the ground of their idiocy or insanity, agreeably to the provisions of the fifty-eighth section of the act of thirteenth June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, relating to lunatics and habitual drunkards; and that the judges of the courts of general quarter sessions and oyer and terminer of said county, are hereby authorized and directed to order any such lunatic, now in the jail of said county, acquitted on the ground of insanity, as aforesaid, and all such persons, hereafter so acquitted, into the charge and custody of said directors, to be supported at the expense of the county, notwithstanding the provisions of the sixty-first section of said act of thirteenth June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six: *Provided*, That the said judges shall be satisfied that said idiots or lunatics can be restrained, in said poor house, from the commission of any further crimes or offences: *And provided further*, That the relatives of such idiots and insane persons, mentioned in the twenty-eighth section of the act of thirteenth June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An Act relating to the support and employment of the poor," shall not be absolved from the duties and liabilities therein named.

Directors of poor house to make provisions for the maintenance of idiots, lunatics, &c.

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

GEORGE DARSIE,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The ninth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.