

ough of Clarksville,) shall hereafter hold their general and township elections at the school house known as the Campbell school house, in said township.

SECTION 34. That hereafter the qualified electors of the township of Fallowfield town-
Fallowfield, in the county of Washington, shall hold their township ship, Washing-
and general elections at the house now occupied by Peter Snyder, in ton county.
said township.

J. S. M'CALMONT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

V. BEST,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 86.

AN ACT

Relative to the Lancaster county prison.

WHEREAS, The commissioners of Lancaster county are now erect- Preamble.
ing a new county prison, for the government and regulation of which,
legislative enactment is required ; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
tives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly
met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That
the said new prison when completed, shall be known and called by the Name.
name of "The Lancaster county prison," and shall be managed by a
board of inspectors, consisting of six discreet taxable citizens residing
in said county, who shall be elected by the electors of the county of
Lancaster, as follows : the qualified electors of the county of Lancas-
ter aforesaid, shall at the general election next ensuing the passing of
this act, and in the manner prescribed by law for the election of mem-
bers of the house of representatives of this commonwealth, elect six
discreet taxable citizens of the said county, to be inspectors of said
prison ; and the return judges of the election of the said county of Lan-
caster, shall immediately on receiving the returns from the election dis-
tricts and casting up the number of votes therein, or within three days
thereafter, certify the names of the inspectors so elected to the pro-
thonotary of the said county, who shall file the said certificate in his
office, and forthwith give notice in writing, to the said inspectors of
their election ; and the said inspectors shall meet at the commissioners'
office of the said county, on the first Monday in November next ensu-
ing their election, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and divide them-
selves by lot into three classes, the places of the first to be vacated at
the expiration of one year from the day of their election, of the second
at the expiration of two years from the day of their election, and the
Classification of
inspectors.

Vacancies, how
supplied.

third at the expiration of three years from the day of their election, (so that one third be chosen annually thereafter,) and annually thereafter, at the time and in the manner before provided for, the qualified electors of said county shall elect two persons as prison inspectors, to fill the places of those whose time of service shall expire, who shall hold their offices for three years, and whose election shall be certified by the return judges to the prothonotary of the said county, whose duty it shall be to give notice to the persons elected inspectors in the manner before provided; and if any vacancy shall occur in the board of the said inspectors by death, resignation or otherwise, the commissioners of the said county of Lancaster shall appoint a suitable person to supply the vacancy until the next general election, when a person shall be elected for the unexpired time of him whose death, resignation, removal or otherwise, shall have caused a vacancy; and in case of the absence or refusal to act, of any person elected a prison inspector, at the time appointed for dividing themselves by lot into classes, one of the said commissioners shall act on that occasion in his place and behalf; and the said commissioners shall also keep a minute of that day's proceedings, and the same to be properly preserved in their office; the inspectors shall also before they enter upon the duties of their appointment, be duly sworn or affirmed to discharge the duties of their office with fidelity and according to law, a copy of which oath or affirmation shall be signed by the inspectors, and filed in the office of the commissioners of the said county.

SECTION 2. The following rules and regulations for the government of said prison are hereby enacted and established:

ARTICLE I.

INSPECTORS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Meetings, &c.
Officers.

Keeper, physi-
cian, &c.

Salaries.

Quorum.

Rules and regu-
lations.

Bedding, cloth-
ing, &c.

Food.

Dress.

Visits.

They shall at their first meeting, and annually thereafter, appoint of their number, a president and secretary, they shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, hold stated meetings once a month, and adjourned and special meetings whenever necessary; they shall annually appoint a keeper, physician and all other officers for the prison, and fix their salaries or compensation, as well as that of all other persons employed in and about the prison; a majority of said inspectors shall constitute a board, and may do any act or acts required of said inspectors, and shall with the approbation of the court of quarter sessions of said county, make such rules for the internal regulation and government of the prison, as shall not be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, or the principles of separate confinement, as set forth and declared by this act; they shall direct the manner in which all the bedding, clothing, provisions and all articles and supplies necessary for the support and employment of the persons confined in said prison shall be purchased, and also the sale of articles manufactured therein, and shall direct the manner in which the convicts confined in said prison shall be employed; they shall determine the quantity and the kind of food that shall be furnished daily to each person confined in said prison, and the debtors' apartment; they shall determine the bedding of all convicts, prisoners and debtors, the form and color of the uniform of male convicts, and the kind of dress to be worn by female convicts and prisoners, in summer and winter; they shall at least by one of their number, visit the prison and apartment for debtors at least once a week, and oftener if necessary, to see that the duties of the several officers and attendants are correctly and strictly performed, and

to prevent all oppression, peculation, or other abuse or mismanagement of said prison; they shall on their visit to the cells and to the debtor apartment, speak to each person confined therein, and shall not be attended by any of the officers of the prison, unless thereto specially required by them; they shall if required, be furnished by the keeper with a calendar of the persons confined in said prison, and shall by actual inspection see whether all the persons named in said calendar are confined in the respective cells and apartments assigned to them, and the convicts employed as directed; they, or any one of them, shall have power to examine any person upon oath or affirmation, relative to any abuse or oppression in said prison, or other matter within the province of their duties, and any false swearing shall be punished as provided by law in case of perjury; they shall at any time after the annual period of appointing, have power to dismiss the keeper, physician and all or any person employed about the prison, and to supply vacancies thus or otherwise occurring; they shall on or before the Monday of the first term of the court of quarter sessions in every year, make a report in writing to the said court, of the state of the said prison; the report shall contain the number of prisoners in confinement, their age and alleged place of nativity, time of commitment, for what offence, noticing those who escaped, died, and the disease of which they died, who were pardoned or discharged; also, such observations on the efficiency of the system of separate confinement as may be the result of their experience, and give such information as they may deem expedient for making said prison effectual in the punishment and reformation of offenders; whereupon the said court shall order the same to be printed, and may take such other order on said report as they shall think proper, and cause said report to be filed in the office of the clerk of the court aforesaid; the said inspectors shall also, annually, in the month of September, furnish to the commissioners of the county of Lancaster, an estimate of the probable amount necessary for the support of the said prison for the year following the first of January then next.

ARTICLE II.

KEEPER AND HIS DUTY.

The keeper shall reside in the prison or institution, and not absent himself for a night without the consent of two of the inspectors in writing; he shall visit every cell and apartment, and see and inspect the condition of every person confined under his care, at least twice every day, and oftener if practicable, and when visiting the departments of the females, shall be attended by the matron, if there be one; he shall keep a journal, in which shall be regularly entered the reception, discharge, death, pardon or escape of any prisoner; the complaints that are made and the punishments inflicted for the breach of prison discipline, as they occur; the visits of inspectors and physicians, and all other occurrences of note that concern the state of the prison; he may, with the advice of the inspectors, dismiss the under-keepers, or any of them; he shall report all infractions of the rules to the inspectors, and with the approbation of one of them, punish the offender in such manner as shall be directed by the rules to be enacted by the inspectors, as hereinbefore provided for; he shall take charge, keep and preserve all money, effects and clothes found on persons brought into the prison to be confined as convicts or prisoners, and shall deliver the same to them or their order when discharged; he shall see that all meals are regularly delivered to

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the prisoners according to the prison allowance, and superintend the work of such as are employed; he shall give immediate notice to the physician whenever any person confined shall complain of such illness as to require medical aid; he shall obey all legal orders given by the inspectors, and all rules established for the government of said prison, as hereinbefore provided for.

ARTICLE III.

UNDER-KEEPERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Under keepers,
duties of.

The under-keepers shall see and inspect every person committed to their care, at least three times in every day, and oftener if directed; they shall see that all meals are regularly delivered to the prisoners, according to the prison allowance, and superintend, under the general direction of the keeper, the work of such as are employed; they shall give immediate notice to the keeper, or, in his absence, to the physician, whenever any person confined shall complain of such illness as to require medical aid. The under-keepers shall have each a certain number of persons confined assigned to their ward, and shall daily report to the keeper of their health and conduct; nor shall any of the under-keepers be present when the keeper or any of the inspectors visit the persons confined under his particular care, unless required thereto by them. They shall obey all legal orders given by the keeper or inspectors, and all rules established for the government of the prison. All orders to the under-keepers must be given through or by the keeper. They shall not absent themselves from the prison during the hours of duty, without permission in writing by the keeper.

ARTICLE IV.

PHYSICIAN AND HIS DUTIES.

Physician, duties
of.

The physician shall visit every prisoner once in every fortnight, and oftener if the state of his or her health shall require it, and report, in writing, once every three months to the inspectors; he shall attend immediately on notice from the keeper that any prisoner is sick, prescribe and administer to their need; he shall, on reception of any person into the prison as a convict, if present, or if not, at his next visit, examine the state of his or her health; he shall direct the diet of those under his care, as well as such other matters as in his judgment will best promote the health, convenience and comfort of the sick.

ARTICLE V.

TREATMENT OF CONVICTS.

Convicts, treat-
ment of.

On the reception of a convict, he or she shall be examined by the keeper, in presence of any of the inspectors who may be present, and of the under-keepers who can conveniently attend, of his or her name, parentage, alledged place of nativity, profession, trade or occupation, complexion, color of hair, eyes, height, and length of his or her feet, accurately measured, all of which shall be entered of record, in a book to be kept for that purpose, together with such other natural or accidental marks or peculiarity of features or appearance, as may serve to identify the person; and if the convict can write, shall write his or her signature to the description of his or her person. He or she shall then be examined by the

physician, if present, of his or her health; then be stripped of all money, effects and clothes on their persons, all of which shall be entered of record in a book provided for that purpose; and shall be kept, preserved and delivered as herein provided for. He or she shall then be bathed, cleaned and clothed in the uniform of the prison, and conducted to the cell assigned him or her, numerically assigned, by which he or she shall thereafter be known during his or her imprisonment. No convict shall be allowed the use of tobacco or ardent spirits in any form, unless under the special direction of the attending physician, or be permitted to receive any thing but the prison allowance; and any person that shall supply or attempt to supply a convict with any article, by this clause forbidden, shall, on conviction, be fined not less than twenty, nor more than one hundred dollars; and if an officer or keeper, be dismissed. No convict shall be discharged whilst laboring under a dangerous disease, although entitled thereto, unless by their own desire. The uniform of convicts shall be determined by the inspectors. When a convict shall be discharged by the expiration of his or her time of imprisonment, or by pardon, the clothes belonging to the prison shall be taken off, and those belonging to the convict restored, together with any money or effects taken from him or her at the time of reception into prison as hereinbefore provided for. If he or she shall not possess any money or suitable clothing, the inspectors shall provide them with what, in their judgment, may be necessary, not exceeding in money and clothing two dollars in amount.

ARTICLE VI.

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS—DEBTORS EXCEPTED.

On the reception of any person for imprisonment in said prison, committed to await his or her trial, he or she shall be examined by the keeper, in presence of the officer or other person delivering said prisoner, any of the inspectors who may be present, and of the under-keepers who can conveniently attend, and deprived of all money and effects, clothing excepted, on their person, all of which shall be entered of record in a book provided for that purpose; which money and effects shall be kept, preserved and delivered as hereinbefore provided for; shall be signed by the keeper, and attested by the aforesaid persons who may be present at the aforesaid examination and deprivation of him or her as aforesaid. He or she shall then, if necessary, be bathed and cleaned, and conducted to the cell assigned him or her, numerically designated, by which he or she shall thereafter be known during his or her imprisonment. They shall be provided, if in the opinion of the inspectors it is necessary for their comfort, with suitable clothing to be worn while in prison. They shall be subject to such rules as the inspectors may adopt in the manner hereinbefore provided, for the preservation of cleanliness, decorum and order in the cells among the prisoners; and may be punished by closer confinement and deprivation of food, until obedience is submitted to. No prisoner shall be discharged whilst laboring under a dangerous illness, unless by his own desire. When a prisoner shall be discharged from imprisonment, the money and effects of which he or she was deprived when received into prison, shall be restored as hereinbefore provided for, unless paid out before that time, by order of such persons: *Provided however*, That such persons shall not be compelled to labor unless at their own desire, and should any desire it, he or she shall, as soon as practicable, be put to such labor as shall be in practice in said prison; and in case of acquittal

Prisoners, treatment of.

on trial, he or she shall be paid for their labor by the inspectors, out of the funds of the prison, such sum as the inspectors of said prison shall judge he or she is in equity entitled to : *Provided also*, That any such person shall, at his or her expense, have the privilege of books to read and materials to write, subject, nevertheless, to such restriction as the inspectors may enact, by rules to be made as hereinbefore provided for.

ARTICLE VII.

VISITORS.

- Official visitors.** **SECTION 1.** The official visitors of the prison shall be the governor, the members of the legislature, secretary of the commonwealth, the judges of the supreme court, the president judges of all the courts in the state, the attorney general, the president and associate judges, deputy attorney general, grand juries, commissioners and sheriff of the county of Lancaster ; no person who is not an official visitor, or who has not written permission according to such rules as the inspectors may adopt as aforesaid, shall be allowed to visit the prison, except attorneys-at-law, who shall be permitted to visit their clients confined for trial; none but the official visitors shall have any communication with the convicts, nor shall any visitor whatever, be permitted to deliver to, or receive from any convict or any person confined, any letter or message whatever, or to supply them with any articles of any kind, excepting such letters or messages to or from persons confined for trial, as shall first be submitted or communicated to the keeper, or one of the inspectors, and by either approved of, under the penalty of one hundred dollars ; any visitor who shall discover any abuse or oppression, shall immediately make the same known to the board of inspectors, or to the judges of the court of quarter sessions, if any of the inspectors are implicated.
- Removal of prisoners.** **SECTION 2.** As soon as the Lancaster county prison shall be completed and prepared for the reception of prisoners, the inspectors thereof appointed pursuant to this act, shall take charge of the said prison, and thereupon issue their order to the sheriff of the said county of Lancaster, who is hereby authorized and directed to execute the same, commanding the sheriff forthwith to remove the said prisoners and deliver to the keeper thereof, all persons, debtors excepted, who shall then be confined in the old jail ; debtors who shall then be in confinement as aforesaid, shall on the authority and in the manner aforesaid, be removed to the debtor apartment as soon as the same shall be completed and prepared for their reception ; they shall each be confined in the respective apartment assigned for them, and therein undergo their respective sentences or terms of imprisonment as nearly as may be practicable thereto, until the expiration of the term of such sentence or imprisonment, and until they be otherwise legally discharged.
- Apartment.** **SECTION 3.** Every person who shall after the passage of this act, be convicted in any court of criminal jurisdiction in the county of Lancaster, of any crime or misdemeanor, the punishment of which would be imprisonment in the penitentiary, excepting murder in the second degree or manslaughter, shall be sentenced by the proper court to undergo said punishment, either in the state penitentiary or in the Lancaster county prison, at the discretion of the court; every person after the completion of said new prison, convicted in Lancaster county, of any offence now punishable by imprisonment in the county jail, to undergo his or her imprisonment in the Lancaster county prison.
- Convicts.** **SECTION 4.** From and after the passage of this act, no inquest shall be held on the body of any person who may die during his or her con-
- Inquests.**

finement in the Lancaster county prison, unless the coroner of said county be thereunto required by the inspectors of said prison, except in cases of murder, suicide, manslaughter or death caused by casualties; and it shall be the duty of the attending physician of said prison to certify to the inspectors thereof, the name and age of every person who may die in said prison, together with the disease or cause of death of each person, so far as he can ascertain the same, which certificate the inspectors of said prison shall cause to be entered in a book to be by them kept for that purpose, and the original shall be by them delivered to the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of the county, to be by him filed in his office for the inspection of all interested; the inspectors of said prison shall have power, and they are hereby directed and required, unless when the friends of the deceased will take charge of the body, to have such deceased person interred.

Interments.

SECTION 5. The board of inspectors of the Lancaster county prison, shall be and they are hereby authorized to discharge from prison, without the delay and expense of any proceeding, under the insolvent laws of this commonwealth, every convict who shall have served out the term of his imprisonment at labor, to which such convict has been or hereafter may be sentenced, notwithstanding such convict shall not have paid the costs of prosecution, fine to the commonwealth, or restored the property stolen, or paid the value thereof, if, in the opinion of the said board of inspectors, such convict is unable to pay or return the same: *Provided always*, That such discharge shall in no way interfere with the rights of the commonwealth, the public officers, or of any person interested in the payment or restitution thereof; but no such discharge shall be allowed or granted by the said board of inspectors, until such convict shall have exhibited to them, on oath or affirmation, duplicate schedules of all his property, if any he has, so far as he can ascertain the same, one of which schedules or list of property shall be by the said inspectors filed and preserved with the papers of the prison, and the other forthwith delivered to the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of Lancaster county, who shall file the same in his office.

Discharge of prisoners.

Proviso.

SECTION 6. No inspector, keeper or other person employed or appointed to execute any duty, trust or employment in and about the said prison, shall, without the permission from the board of inspectors, sell any article of any kind to a prisoner, or to or for the use of the prison aforesaid, or be directly or indirectly in way concerned in any contract connected with such sale, or derive any emolument or advantage from such sale or contract; nor shall either or any of them extend to any person confined in said prison, any favor, lenity or mitigation of punishment, or inflict any punishment not authorized by law or the rules that shall be adopted by the inspectors, in accordance with law; nor shall they receive, under any pretence whatever, from any person confined in said prison, or from any one else on his behalf, any money, reward, gratuity or gift whatever; and any violation of this law, or any subsequent act relative to said prison, shall be considered and adjudged a misdemeanor, and on conviction for any such offence before the court of quarter sessions of the peace of said county, the person so convicted shall be punished by a fine not less than twenty, nor more than three hundred dollars, and be imprisoned for any term not less than one, nor more than twelve months, and shall be immediately removed from such office or appointment.

Inspectors prohibited selling articles to prisoners.

SECTION 7. The penalties imposed by this act, the recovery of which is not herein specially provided for, shall be recovered in the name of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the use of the county of Lan

Penalties, how recovered.

eastern, by action of debt, before any justice, alderman or court of record having jurisdiction of sums of that amount.

Funds, how furnished. SECTION 8. For the funds necessary for keeping, furnishing and maintaining said prison, in conformity with the provisions of this act, the inspectors are hereby authorized to apply to the commissioners of said county, and if it shall appear to the said commissioners that the sum applied for is reasonable, and that the accounts of the said inspectors are properly kept and adjusted, the said commissioners shall forthwith draw an order on the treasurer of the said county, in favor of the treasurer of said prison for the use thereof, for such sum as shall be necessary to satisfy such demand.

Duties of treasurer of Lancaster county. SECTION 9. The treasurer of the said county of Lancaster shall, in addition to his other duties, receive all moneys belonging to the Lancaster county prison, and shall disburse the same on orders drawn on him by the board of inspectors of said prison; he shall keep a true account of all moneys received and disbursed, which account shall at all times be open to the inspection of the inspectors, and each of them, and the commissioners of Lancaster county; he shall, once in each year, state his accounts, and produce his vouchers, which, after examination by the inspectors, shall by them be laid before the county auditors for settlement, at the time and place where the said auditors meet for the purpose of settling the account of the commissioners and other officers, and be acted and reported on as accounts of county officers are by law authorized to be settled, and subject to the same laws relative thereto, and be subject to like appeal, issue and judgment; which account, when so settled, the inspectors shall cause to be published in a manner similar to that of the annual account of the county commissioners and treasurer. The treasurer shall give bond to the commonwealth, for the use of the said county of Lancaster, in such amount and with such security as the judges of the court of quarter sessions of said county shall determine and approve, conditioned for the faithful discharge of all duties enjoined upon him by this act; for a just account of all moneys that may come into his hands in behalf of said prison; for the delivery to his successor in office, of all books, papers and documents, and other things held in right of his office for said prison, and for the payment, by him, of any balance of money belonging to said prison remaining in his hands. The said treasurer shall receive such compensation for his services, as shall be annually fixed by the inspectors, with the approbation of the county commissioners and county auditors.

Keeper, duties of. SECTION 10. The keeper of said prison when qualified to act, and when he shall have entered on the discharge of his duties, shall and is hereby required and directed to receive and take charge of all persons lawfully committed by any court, magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace, or other officer having power to commit to prison; and said keeper shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all persons so committed, in the same manner and to the same extent that sheriffs and jailors are now by law held liable.

Quarter sessions of Lancaster county, duty of. SECTION 11. It shall be the duty of the court of quarter sessions of Lancaster county, to determine at what time the said prison shall be fitted and prepared to receive convicts and other prisoners, and when said court shall so determine and decree, an entry to that effect shall be made on the record of said court, from which time this law shall go into full force and effect.

Keeper to make oath, &c. SECTION 12. The keeper shall before entering on the duties of his appointment, be duly sworn or affirmed, truly and faithfully to discharge the duties of his office, a copy of which oath or affirmation shall be filed among the papers of the inspectors; he shall also before en-

tering upon the duties of his office, give bond to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with such an amount and such surety as the judges of the court of quarter sessions of Lancaster county shall determine and approve, conditioned for the faithful discharge and observance of all duties enjoined on him by this act, or by any subsequent act that may be passed, or by the rules of the inspectors, for a just and accurate account of all moneys, goods, chattels and effects of all kind and description whatever, that may come into his hands or that may be placed under his care, in pursuance of said appointment, on behalf of said prison, or by any person confined therein; for the delivery to his successor in office of all books, papers and documents; also, of all goods, chattels and effects which he may have and hold in right of said appointment, and for the payment of any balance of money belonging to said prison, or any person confined therein, remaining in his hands, and for the safe keeping of all prisoners and other persons committed to his charge, which bond shall stand for the use of any person or persons injured by the acts or delinquencies of said keeper, and may be proceeded on by any person aggrieved, in the same manner as is directed with regard to sheriffs' bonds; and all other persons employed in or about the prison, shall, if the inspectors require it, give bond with security in such amount as they may direct, conditioned as near as expedient to that of the keeper, and in such manner as the inspectors shall fix and determine; said bond to be approved by said inspectors; said bonds of treasurer and keeper to be taken and acknowledged before the recorder of deeds of the same county, and recorded in his office at the cost of the respective officers, and the original bonds shall be filed by the inspectors in their office; copies of the record of any of the said bonds, acknowledged and recorded as aforesaid, and duly certified by the recorder of deeds for the time being, shall be good evidence in any action brought against such treasurer or keeper, or their sureties on such bonds, according to its form and effect, in the same manner as the original would be if produced and offered in evidence.

Give bond.

To give account, &c.

SECTION 13. The said inspectors shall each of them receive for their services, twenty-five dollars per annum, to defray the expense of their necessary attendance on the duties of their offices.

Pay of inspectors.

SECTION 14. That the commissioners of Lancaster county be and they are hereby authorized, as soon after the removal of the prisoners from the present jail to the Lancaster county prison, and as soon as to them shall appear expedient, sell at public sale what is now understood to be the old jail property in the city of Lancaster, consisting of the jail and ground attached thereto, as well as all other ground adjoining, whether purchased by the county of Lancaster or otherwise, in their possession, the same to be sold together, or in such parcels or subdivisions as will in the opinion of the said commissioners insure the highest and best price for the same, and on such terms and conditions as they shall prescribe, and convey to the purchaser or purchasers, the said property by deed or deeds; the proceeds of the said property to be paid into the county treasurer of the said county of Lancaster, to be held in trust and for the special purpose that the proceeds arising from such sale or sales be applied towards defraying the expenses of the erection of the said new county prison.

Sale of old jail property.

Appropriation of proceeds of such sale.

SECTION 15. All acts of assembly heretofore passed on the subject of county prisons, so far as the same are inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed, so far as regards the prison of Lancaster county, when the same shall be built and completed and be fitted and prepared to

Repeal.

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receive debtors, convicts, and other persons, as contemplated by this act.

J. S. M'CALMONT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

V. BEST,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

WM. F. JOHNSTON.

No. 87.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an act passed the fifth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, authorizing the erection of a poor house in the county of Westmoreland.

Directors of a poor house in Westmoreland 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 John Hill, John Kuhns and Abraham Altman, Samuel Kelley and John Reed, be and they are hereby appointed directors of a poor house in the county of Westmoreland, to do and perform the services required of directors, specified in the fourth section of the act to which this is a supplement, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and the said directors shall enter upon their duties immediately after the passage of this act, and continue in office until after the next annual election, and until their successors are duly qualified, without classification; and the said directors, as well as those hereafter elected, shall receive from the commissioners of Westmoreland county, one dollar and fifty cents per day for their services, so long as they may be necessarily employed in the duties of their office.*

Commissioners to negotiate a loan.

SECTION 2. The commissioners of Westmoreland county are hereby authorized and empowered, if necessary, to negotiate a loan on or before the first of April next, to meet the first payment of a farm purchased by the commissioners named in the act to which this is a supplement.

Certain act legalized.

SECTION 3. The act of the fifth of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, to which this is a supplement, is hereby legalized, made good and valid.

Repeal.

SECTION 4. That so much of the act to which this is a supplement as is hereby supplied, is hereby repealed, and the remainder of said act is hereby declared in full force and virtue.

J. S. M'CALMONT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

V. BEST,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

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