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ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, By an Act of Assembly approved June 4th, 1879, entitled "An act to create poor districts and to authorize purchase of lands and erection of buildings to furnish relief and give employment to the destitute, poor and paupers in this Commonwealth," it is provided:

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted* &c., That for the purpose of furnishing relief to the poor, destitute and paupers, giving them employment, and carrying out the provisions of this act, each county of this Commonwealth is hereby created a district, to be known as "————county poor district."

SEC. 2. That the commissioners of each county are authorized and empowered to select and purchase real estate within said district, erect thereon buildings, provide tools, machinery and stock, as they in their judgment may deem necessary, proper and sufficient to carry out the design and purpose of this act. The conveyance and title for such real estate shall be taken in the name and for the use of the district mentioned in the first section of this act.

SEC. 3. The said county commissioners shall not purchase real estate for the purpose of this act until recommended so to do by petition and votes, as follows: That is, at any time after the passage of this act, on petition and recommendation of two-thirds of overseers of poor then in office within such district, the court of quarter sessions of such county shall submit the question of such purchase to the votes of the qualified electors of such district: such election shall be held according to the direction of said court, at either the election for township officers, in February, general election in November, or at a special election ordered by the court for the purpose, and shall be held and conducted by the officers provided by law for holding elections in the respective voting districts and precincts within such districts, and according to the law governing municipal and general elections within this Commonwealth; at least sixty days' notice of such election shall be given by the sheriff of said county, by publication in two newspapers published within said county.

And whereas, At a court of quarter sessions held on November 23d, 1882, at Ridgway, in and for the county of Elk, the court did order and decree:

"That an election be held by the qualified electors in the several election districts of the county of Elk, on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1883, at the time and places for the election of borough and township officers provided by law for holding elections in the respective voting precincts and districts within said county, for the purpose of determining the question of the purchase by the county commissioners of Elk county of real estate for the erection of county poor house buildings, in accordance with the Act of Assembly approved June 4th, 1879. It is furthermore ordered and decreed that the sheriff of Elk county give at least sixty day's notice of such election, by publication in at least two newspapers published within said county of Elk. BY THE COURT."

In pursuance whereof, I, Thomas Sullivan, high sheriff of the county of Elk, do hereby make known and give public notice to the qualified electors of the said county of Elk that on the

13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1883,

an election will be held in accordance with the above recited decree of the court of quarter sessions of Elk county, at the following places:

Benezette township, at the house of Elizabeth Winslow.

Benzinger township, at the school house on Michael street, near the Elk creek bridge.

Fox township, at the Centerville school house.

Highland township, at the house of Levi Elithorpe.

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Jones township, at the Wilcox Tanning and Lumber Co's. office.

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Ridgway township, at the court house.

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Rolfe election district, at the store of E. W. Rolfe & Co.

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St. Marys borough, at the town hall.

I also make known the following:

SEC. 4. The election officers shall at such election receive ballots from qualified electors, written or printed, as follows: On the outside "poor house," on the inside either "for poor house" or "against poor house;" at the close of the polls the votes shall be counted, and duplicate certified returns of the result thereof be made and sealed, one copy of which shall be deposited with the commissioners of such county, to be opened by them, and the other with the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of the county; at the first meeting and session of the court of quarter sessions thereafter, the said returns deposited with the clerk shall be opened and counted, and a record made of the result of said election; if a majority of votes cast are for a poor house, the county commissioners shall within a reasonable time, at their discretion, proceed to purchase real estate and erect buildings as provided in this act; if a majority of the votes so cast are against a poor house, no land shall be purchased, until at an election subsequently held not less than two years thereafter, in the manner as before provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be in favor of a poor house; and the expense of such election shall be borne by the said county.

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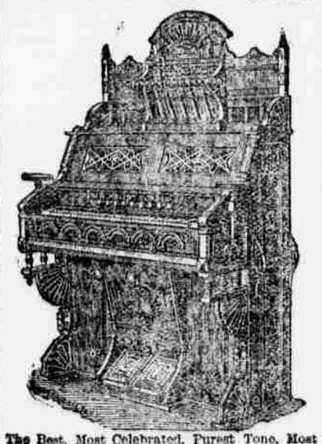

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