

whole or any part of all that tract of land lying on the road from Snow Hill to Berlin and in the Second Election District of Worcester County aforesaid known and called by the name of "Rochester" and "Purnell's Outlet," or by whatsoever name or names the same may be known or called, upon which is at present located the county almshouse and overseer's residence and other county buildings, and to grant and convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof by a good and sufficient deed; and they are further authorized and empowered in their discretion to sell at either public or private sale and on such reasonable terms as may be to said County Commissioners seem to the best public interest, the whole or any part of the growing timber on the land aforesaid without selling the said land or any part thereof, and to execute such instruments of writings as may be proper to pass title to said timber to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and at the time to grant and convey to the purchaser or purchasers of such timber as may be sold, such rights of way and rights of storage and mill sites as may seem right and proper to said County Commissioners. It is the intention hereof to authorize and empower said County Commissioners to sell said timber and lands together or separately as to the said County Commissioners may seem to the best interest; provided, however, that before the said property and timber or either of them or any part of either of them shall be sold at private sale it shall first be offered by public auction, after notice of at least three successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation in Worcester County and published therein, stating the time, place, manner and terms of sale.

5. That upon the sale of the whole of said property it shall be the duty of said County Commissioners of Worcester County to proceed at once to purchase other property in said county and to erect thereon suitable buildings for the care and maintenance of the needy poor of said county if such buildings are not already on the property so purchased, and in the meantime to make suitable and proper provision for the care and maintenance of said poor, and any surplus that may remain from the sale of the said almshouse property after the purchase and equipment of the property in this section referred to, shall be continued as the almshouse fund for the care and maintenance of the needy poor of said county, the said fund to be used or invested in some interest-bearing security or securities at the discretion of the said County Commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof be and the same are hereby repealed.