

CHAPTER LIV.

*An ACT incorporating the Magdalen Society,
in the city of Philadelphia.*

WHEREAS, a voluntary association of a number of the citizens of Philadelphia and its neighborhood, under the name and title of the Magdalen society, has for some time existed in the said city, for the purpose of meliorating the distressed condition of those unhappy females, who have been seduced from the paths of virtue and are desirous of returning to a life of rectitude: And whereas the members of this benevolent society have by their memorial to the legislature, prayed to be perpetuated and brought into legal existence, by being incorporated and established by law, with perpetual succession, for the purpose of receiving, holding and improving, in such way as to them may seem proper, all such real and personal estate as the members and other liberal and well-disposed persons may give, grant, devise or bequeath to them, for the purposes of this institution: Therefore,

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* William White, Robert Coe, Arthur Howell, Joseph Clark, Joseph Budd, Jacob Shoemaker, Samuel Powell Griffiths, Benjamin Kite, Jeremiah Paul, George Williams, John Litchworth, Benjamin Price, Edward Garrigues, Samuel Garrigues, junior, Abraham M. Garrigues, Emmor Kimber, Richard Freeman, William Savery, Thomas Attmore, Samuel Smith,

The Magdalen society of Philadelphia incorporated with the general powers incident to a corporation.

Smith, John Evans, Robert Ralston, John Inskip, Christopher Marshall, Charles Marshall, Benjamin Rush, Joseph Cowperthwait, James Rowland, William T. Donaldson, Peter Keyser, Jesse Clever, Thomas Savery, William Garrigues, James Milnor, James Smith, John Clement Stocker, Robert Wharton, Philip S. Phyfick, Thomas Allibone, Benjamin Say, Ashbel Green, John Cooke, Malcolm M'Donald, Thomas Willing, Isaac T. Hopper, William Young, Joseph Lowns, Levi Hollingsworth, Samuel F. Bradford, Thomas Dobson, Isaac Pearson, Philip S. Bunting, Newberry Smith, Jacob Baker, Samuel Wheler, Ellis Yarnall, Gilbert Gaw, John Wistar, junior, Lawrence Herbert, John Davis, Joseph Simmons, Samuel Harvey, John Perot, William Chancellor, John Hart, Casper Wistar, junior, George Krebs, William Rawle, Elias Boudenot, David Lewis, Thomas Hodgson, Joseph Price, John M. Price, Josiah Baldwin, William Curree, William Penrose, Alexander Steel, Thomas Cumpston, John M'Mullin, Joseph Townsend, John Townsend, William Linnard, Richard Price, Daniel Dawson, Even Griffith, Robert Coe, junior, Joseph Parker Norris, Robert Hare, Thomas Billington, Aaron Muffgrave, junior, Godfrey Haga, William Poyntell, Joseph Huddell, Robert Waln, James Bringham, James Taylor, Peter Browne, James Traquair, John Wagner, James Poupard, Thomas Smith, David Jackson, Charles Swift, Ebenezer Ferguson, James Stokes, John T. Mifflin, Isaac Parish, John Harris, Enoch Wheeler, Thomas Anslly, and their successors for ever, be, and are hereby created and made one body politic and corporate in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The Magdalen Society of Philadelphia," and by the same name shall have

perpetual succession, and are hereby made able and capable in law to have, purchase, receive, take, hold, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, stock, goods, chattles and effects of what kind, nature or quality soever, whether real, personal, or mixed, by gift, grant, demise, bargain and sale, devise, bequest, testament, legacy, or by any other mode of conveyance or transfer whatever: *Provided*, The yearly income arising from the same and subject the annual disposition of the said society, shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, money of the United States, and the same to give, grant, bargain, sell, demise, convey, assure, transfer, alien and dispose of to others, for the whole or any less estate than they have in the same, and also to improve and augment the same in such manner and form as the said society by their bye-laws and regulations shall order and direct, and shall and may apply the same, with the rents, issues and profits, income and interest of such estate, and the monies arising from the sales or alienation of any part thereof, to the uses, ends, intents and purposes of their institution, according to the rules, order, regulation and constitution of their society now in force, or which, according to the provisions hereinafter made, shall from time to time be declared and ordained, touching and concerning the same, as fully and effectually as any natural person or body politic and corporate within this state, by the constitution and laws of the commonwealth can do and perform; and the said society, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all courts of law and equity within

within this commonwealth or elfewhere; and also to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure; and also to ordain, establish, change and put in execution such bye-laws, ordinances and regulations, as shall to them or a majority of such quorum of them (as has already or shall hereafter be directed) seem meet and convenient for the government of the said corporation, not being contrary to the constitution and laws of this commonwealth, and generally to do and execute all and singularly acts, matters and things which to the said corporation shall or may appertain, subject nevertheless to the rules, regulations, restrictions, limitations and provisions herein prescribed and declared.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the officers of the said society shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, and a secretary, with such other officers as the said society shall from time to time hereafter elect and appoint; which president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary, shall be chosen annually, by a majority of votes of the whole number of members who shall be present at the stated meeting of the society for that purpose, agreeably to the constitution thereof; but in case of the removal, death, resignation or absence from the United States of any or all of the said officers, it shall and may be lawful for the said society to elect another or others in his or their room, to serve until the next annual election.

The officers of the corporation and how to be elected.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the first election of officers of the said society shall be at their stated meeting

Place and time of holding the first election for officers.

meeting in the second month next, commonly called February; and the said society shall and may hold their future meetings and elections at such place as shall be directed by their bye-laws and ordinances.

Until an election, the present officers continued and this act to be construed in the most favourable manner for the society, &c.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That until the election of officers as aforesaid, pursuant to this act, the present officers of the said society, viz. William White, president; Elias Boudinot, vice-president; John Evans, treasurer, and Samuel Harvey, secretary, shall be, and are hereby continued and confirmed; and also that this act shall in all things be construed in the most favorable and liberal manner to and for the said society, in order to effectuate the privileges hereby granted to them, and that no misnomer of said corporation in any deed, will, testament, gift, grant, devise, or other instrument of contract or conveyance, shall vitiate or defeat the same, if the said corporation shall be sufficiently described to ascertain the intent of the party or parties, to give, devise, bequeath or assure to or contract with the said corporation hereby created by the name aforesaid; nor shall any of the non-uses of the said privileges hereby granted, create any forfeiture of the same, but the same may be exercised by the said corporation; and notwithstanding any failure to meet at any of the times appointed herein or by the bye-laws and ordinances of the said society, to hold their annual or other meetings for elections or other subjects for consideration, the officers then in office shall continue to hold and exercise their respective offices until others shall be duly elected to succeed them at some then future meeting of the said society, which the said corporation

tion is hereby empowered to hold for such purpose.

ISAAC WEAVER, *junior, Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

SAMUEL MACLAY, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—March the twenty-third, 1802 :

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER LV.

An ACT to erect Allegheny township, in the county of Armstrong, into an election district.

Section 1. **B**E 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 electors residing within the township of Allegheny, in Armstrong county, shall hold their elections at the house of George Painter, miller, near the mouth of Cherry-run, in said township.

Allegheny township in Armstrong county erected into an election district.

ISAAC WEAVER, *junior, Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

SAMUEL MACLAY, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—March the twenty-ninth, 1802 :

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.