

met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the state-treasurer pay unto William Gill, of Mercer county, or order, the sum of forty dollars immediately, and an annuity of forty dollars, to commence the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, to be paid half yearly during his life.

40 dollars gratuity, and 40 dollars annuity granted to William Gill.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives.*
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the twenty-eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XXVII.

An ACT establishing an academy in the town of Franklin, in Venango county, and granting a sum of money thereto.

SECT. I. 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 there shall be, and hereby is established in the town of Franklin, in Venango county, an academy or public school for the education of youth in the English, and other languages, in the useful arts, sciences and literature, by the name, style and title of, "The Venango Academy," under the care, direction, and government of six trustees; to wit, William Moore, Alexander M'Dowell, John M'Donald, William Connelly, George Power and Alexander M'Calmont; which said trustees, and their successors to be elected as hereinafter mentioned, shall be, and hereby are declared to be one body, politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of, "The Trustees of the Venango Academy," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of record and elsewhere, and shall be competent and capable in law and equity, to take and to hold, to them and their successors, for the use of said academy, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels, of whatsoever kind, nature or quality, real personal or mixed, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, or bequest, from any person or persons whomsoever, capable of making the same; and the same from time to time to grant, bargain, sell, demise, alien, or dispose of, for the use of said academy, and to erect such buildings as may be necessary, and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which shall be lawful for them to do, for the well being of the said academy, and the due management and

Venango academy established.

Trustees named.

Style of corporation.

Powers and privileges.

Proviso. ordering of the affairs thereof: *provided always*, that the yearly value or income of the estates or money shall not exceed four thousand dollars.

Rotation in office of the trustees. **Quorum.** **How to be chosen.** **Proviso.** **How vacancies to be filled.** **SECT. II.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the number of trustees shall be six as aforesaid, and shall be so changed that none of them shall remain trustees more than three years without being re-elected by the people of the said county, and for that purpose it shall be the duty of the said trustees, at their first meeting, when not less than four of them shall be present, which number shall be a board or quorum, to do business, and they are hereby authorized and required to cast lots for ascertaining the members to be changed each year, until the whole number shall be changed, and in order annually to supply the vacancy as the same may take place, the citizens of the county of Venango, on the second Tuesday of October, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and annually thereafter, at the same places and in the same manner, and under the same laws and regulations, as members of the state legislature shall be chosen, shall elect two trustees to supply the place of the trustees going out of office: *provided always*, that in case the places of any of the trustees shall become vacant by death or resignation, or otherwise, the remaining trustees shall appoint a person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies, until the next general election, when the class in which vacancy or vacancies may happen, are to be chosen.

Time of first meeting. **SECT. III.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the first meeting of the said trustees shall be in the town of Franklin, on the first Tuesday of September next.

Treasurer, his duties. **Security to be given.** **SECT. IV.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the trustees shall appoint a treasurer annually, who shall receive and hold all monies belonging to the institution, and pay the same on order assigned by the president of the board; and shall keep fair accounts thereof, to be open at all seasonable hours, to the inspection of the trustees; and before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall give bond in any sum at their discretion, with two or more sufficient sureties, conditioned for the performance of duties enjoined, and the re-payment of monies received by him.

2000 dollars granted. **How to be applied.** **SECT. V.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the sum of two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby granted, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury of this commonwealth to be paid to the treasurer of the institution, by the state-treasurer, on the order of the said trustees, or any four of them herein before mentioned, or their successors, to be applied under their direction, one thousand dollars thereof in the erection of a building or buildings, suitable for the accommodation of the institution, on such lot as may be purchased for that purpose, and the purchasing of books, mathematical instruments, and the

necessary philosophical apparatus ; and the remaining thousand dollars shall be placed in some safe and productive fund or funds, and the income thereof shall be forever applied in aid of other revenues, to compensate a teacher or teachers in said academy : *provided*, that the said trustees of the Venango academy, give bond to the governor, to the amount of three thousand dollars for the use of the commonwealth, conditioned for the faithful application of the money herein appropriated, to the purposes in this act mentioned, according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Proviso, trustees to give bond for the faithful application of the money granted.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That there shall be admitted into said academy, in consequence of the aforesaid appropriation, any number of poor children of said county that may at any time be offered, in order to be provided with books and stationary, and taught gratis : *provided*, the number so admitted and taught shall at no time be greater than four, and that none of the said children so admitted, shall continue in said academy to be taught gratis, should others apply, longer than two years : *and be it further provided*, that before any part of the appropriation shall be paid on the order or orders of the trustees as aforesaid, they, or a majority of them shall duly certify that subscriptions to the amount of five hundred dollars have been obtained and secured to be paid for the use of said academy, and that the said trustees have proceeded to erect the buildings aforesaid.

Four poor children to be taught gratis.

Proviso.

500 dollars to be subscribed before the appropriation by the legislature can be paid.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said trustees, and their successors, under the penalty of forty dollars each, to be recovered for the use of the said corporation, as debts to that amount are by law recoverable, shall annually exhibit all their books, accounts, and vouchers, of every kind, to the auditors of the said county of Venango, to be settled and adjusted in the same manner as the accounts of the county commissioners are or shall be by law directed to be settled, adjusted and published, on every third year, at the expense of the county aforesaid.

Trustees to exhibit their accounts annually under a penalty of 40 dollars each.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker*
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