

Poor persons infected with small pox may be removed to the public hospital.

tives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That during the prevalence of the small-pox in the city of Philadelphia, the district of Southwark, and the township of the Northern Liberties, it shall and may be lawful for the guardians of the poor of the said city and districts, to remove all poor persons infected with the said disease, residing and being within the said limits, to the public hospital of the board of health in Penn township, and use and occupy such part of the buildings belonging to the said hospital, as may be required for the accommodation of such poor and sick patients, with their nurses and attendants, taking care to prevent any damage being done to the same: Provided, nevertheless, That if, by reason of the appearance of any contagious disease or otherwise, it should become necessary for the board of health to use the said buildings, then, and in such case, the said guardians shall provide some other fit place for the reception of the said poor, and remove the same immediately thereto.

Proviso.

Limitation of the act.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That this act shall continue in force until the first day of January next, and no longer.*

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the thirtieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XXVI.

An ACT to incorporate the Bridgeport Manufacturing Company.

Style of corporation.

Powers and privileges.

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 the persons who shall, at the time of the passing of this act, be members of an association of citizens formed for the purpose of manufacturing cotton and woolen goods, and who have erected an establishment for that purpose in the borough of Bridgeport, in Fayette county, and the persons who may, after the passing of this act, become members of the said association, shall be, and they are hereby created and declared to be one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name and style of "The Bridgeport Manufacturing Company," and they and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall and may have continual succession during the term of twenty-one years from and after the passing of this act, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded in all courts of record or elsewhere, and to purchase, have, hold and enjoy, to them and their suc-*

cessors, lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattles of what nature, kind or quality soever, real, personal or mixed, or choses in action, and the same from time to time to sell, grant, alien, demise, mortgage, pledge or dispose of; and also to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to alter and renew at pleasure; and also to ordain, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances and regulations as shall appear necessary and convenient for the government of the said corporation, not being contrary to the constitution and laws of the United States or of this commonwealth, and generally to do all and singular the matters and things which to them it shall lawfully appertain to do, for the well being of the said corporation and the due management and ordering the affairs thereof.

Make by-laws, &c.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all the joint stock and all other the estate, real, personal and mixed, and all the securities, dues, claims and demands, and all the deeds, records, books, papers and other documents whatsoever, in any wise belonging to or held or claimed by the said association of citizens, at the time of the passing of this act, shall be transferred, and they are hereby transferred to and vested in the said corporation of "The Bridgeport Manufacturing Company" hereby created, as absolutely and completely, to all intents and purposes, as the same shall then respectively belong to or be held and claimed by the said association of citizens, or by their officers and agents for their use, and all contracts and other engagements, debts, obligations and assumptions whatsoever of the said association of citizens, entered into, made, subsisting, due and payable at the time of the passing of this act, shall henceforth be as obligatory and binding upon the said corporation of "The Bridgeport Manufacturing Company" hereby created, to all intents and purposes as if the same respectively had been entered into, made or contracted by the said company subsequently to its incorporation, but any creditor of the present association, shall have also the same remedy as if this act had not passed; and all contracts, grants, assumptions and obligations whatsoever, wherein or whereby any person or persons now are held or bound for the payment of any monies or the performance of any act, matter or thing whatsoever to the said association of citizens, or their officers or agents, shall be and are hereby declared to be due and payable to and vested in the said corporation, and it shall be lawful for the said corporation, and for the parties who have as aforesaid contracted with the aforesaid association of citizens, respectively, to maintain actions, or otherwise enforce the due performance of all such contracts as fully as if the same had originally been made with the said corporation.

Joint stock, real estate, &c. of the association vested in the corporation.

Liable to debts, &c. contracted by the association, and

entitled to all debts, &c. due to said association.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That each and every stockholder, his or her agents, heirs, executors or administrators, shall be bound, and they are hereby severally and respectively declared to be bound, to the said corporation of the Bridgeport Manufacturing Company hereby created, or to their officers or agents for the time being, for his or her respective proportion in the direct ratio of his or her

Stockholders agents, &c. bound to the corporation for their pro-

portion of debts contracted by the association.

original subscription, of all debts, dues, contracts and obligations whatsoever, wherein and whereby the said association of citizens are bound for the payment of money or other engagement at the time of the passing of this act, and it shall be lawful, by virtue of this act, for the said corporation to bring and maintain actions for the recovery of such proportions, with damages for delinquency and costs of suit, as effectually to all intents and purposes, as if such delinquent were bound by special contract of the same import subsequently to the passing of this act.

Capital not to exceed \$200,000 and be divided into shares of \$500 each. Shares may be increased. How capital to be employed. May not issue notes in form of bank notes.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the capital stock of "The Bridgeport Manufacturing Company" shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of five hundred dollars each, and the present capital stock of the company may at any time be increased to that amount, or to such extent as shall be deemed necessary to complete the establishment, at the discretion of the said Bridgeport Manufacturing Company, by increasing the number of shares to that amount, and opening books to receive subscriptions therefor; the said capital to be employed by the said company for the purpose of manufacturing cotton and woolen goods and making machinery for the same; and the said corporation shall not issue any notes of the nature of cash or bank notes, nor be concerned in any business whatever, excepting that of manufacturing and selling the articles they may manufacture of cotton or wool as aforesaid, and excepting the business which is necessarily connected with carrying on the operations of the company, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of this act.

Time of meeting of the stockholders. What officers to be elected.

SECT. V. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That a general meeting of the stockholders shall be held at the Factory Office in Bridgeport, belonging to said company, on the first Monday in June next, and on the same day in each succeeding year; at which time and place the stockholders, between the hours of two and five in the afternoon, shall proceed to elect, by ballot, one president and six directors, in person or by proxy, each being entitled to one vote for each share by him or her held in the said establishment; and the president and directors so elected, shall continue in office for one year, and until others are elected, four of the said directors, or the president and any three of them, shall form a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the company, but the whole five shall have power to frame by-laws, rules and regulations on behalf of the company, agreeably to the privileges granted to said corporation by the first section of this act, and shall have full power to do and perform all things relative to the concerns of the company; but in case of the removal of the president or any director, by death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancy shall be supplied by the board of directors for the remainder of the period only during which such president or director shall have been chosen, and until such election shall take place, John Krepps, James Tomlinson, Elisha Hunt, William Griffith, John M'Clure, Hezlip Morris Trueman, and Enos Grave, shall be directors, who shall attend to the management of said concern as aforesaid: *Provi-*

Four directors to form a quorum. Make by-laws, &c.

Present directors named.

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ded always, That if the said corporation shall at any time hereafter abuse any of the chartered privileges hereby granted, the legislature may, at any time thereafter resume all and singular the rights, privileges, liberties and franchises hereby granted to said company. Proviso.

SECT. VI. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the board of directors shall also have power to declare a dividend of so much of the profits of the company, as to them shall seem advisable, on the first Tuesday of January and the first Tuesday of July in each year, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives within ten days thereafter, but dividends in no case shall exceed the nett profits actually acquired by the company; if the directors shall wilfully make any dividends which shall impair the capital stock, they shall be liable in their individual capacities to the said company for the amount of stock so divided, and each director present when such dividend shall be made, shall be adjudged to be consenting thereto, and liable as aforesaid, unless he forthwith enter his protest on the minutes of the board, and give public notice to the stockholders of the declaring of such dividend. Dividends to be declared on the first Tuesday of January and July.
Limitation of dividends.

REES HILL, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

JOHN TOD, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XXVII.

A further SUPPLEMENT to an act, entitled "An act to erect the town of Somerset, in Somerset county, into a borough."

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 from and after the passing of this act, the boundaries of the borough of Somerset, in Somerset county, shall be as follows, viz: Beginning at the south-west corner of Franklin and Main street, thence by Franklin street due south one hundred and eighteen perches, thence a due east course to Coxes creek, thence up Coxes creek by the several meanders thereof, until it intersects a line drawn sixty perches due north of and parallel with Catharine street, thence along the said line due west to Franklin