

CHAPTER CLXXVIII.

AN ACT

To incorporate an Academy or Public School in the borough of Erie, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

SECT. 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 there shall be established in the borough of Erie, in the county of Erie, 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 and style of "Erie Academy," under the care, direction and government of nine trustees, viz. Rev'd. Robert Reid, Rufus S. Reed, Robert Brown, Thomas Forster, Thomas Wilson, John C. Wallace, Judah Colt, Thomas H. Sill and Giles Sanford; which said trustees, and their successors, to be elected as is hereinafter mentioned, shall be, and are hereby declared to be one body corporate and politic, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The Trustees of Erie 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 ordering and management of the affairs thereof: *Provided always,* That the yearly value or income of the estates or money shall not exceed four thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the number of trustees shall be ten as aforesaid, and shall be so changed as that none of them shall continue in office for a longer term than four years without being re-elected by the citizens of said county, and for that purpose it shall be the duty of the said trustees, at their first meeting, when not less than five of them shall be present, (which members shall be a board or quorum to do business) and they are hereby authorised 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 vacancies that may take place, the citizens of the said county shall,

Erie Academy erected.

Trustees named.

Style of corporation.

Powers and privileges.

Number of trustees to be ten.

Not to serve longer than four years without re-elected.

on the second Tuesday of October next, and annually thereafter forever, at the same places, in the same manner and under the same laws, rules and regulations as members of the state Legislature are chosen, elect three trustees to supply the place of trustees going out of office: *Provided always,* Trustees to be annually elected, and by whom.

That in case the places of any of the trustees shall become vacant by death, 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 said vacancy or vacancies may happen are to be chosen. *Provided.*

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the first meeting of the said trustees shall be in the borough of Erie, on the third Tuesday of May next, and at such other times as a majority of the trustees shall determine. *First meeting of the trustees.*

SECT. 4. *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 orders signed by the board, he shall keep fair accounts thereof, to be open at all times for the inspection of the trustees, and before he enters on the duties of his office, shall give bond in any sum at their discretion, with two or more sufficient sureties, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties enjoined and the repayment of all monies received by him, which bond shall be deposited with the treasurer of the county. *Of the treasurer, his duties, &c.*

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all by-laws, ordinances and proceedings of the said corporation shall be regularly entered in a book or books to be kept for that purpose; and no misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any gift, grant, devise or bequest to the said academy. *Of by-laws.*

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the tract of five hundred acres of land, surveyed and laid off in the reserved tract adjoining the borough of Erie, in pursuance of the provision aforesaid of the said act, be, and the same is hereby granted to and vested in the trustees of the said academy, and their successors, in fee simple, for the use of the said academy, which trustees shall have full power to farm, let and lease, on such terms and conditions as the said trustees shall think best, for the use of said academy. *500 acres of land vested in the trustees, with power to lease the same.*

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the following in-lots in the town of Erie aforesaid, to wit: Numbers two thousand five hundred and twenty-nine, two thousand five hundred and thirty, two thousand five hundred and thirty-one, two thousand five hundred and thirty-two, two thousand five hundred and thirty-three, two thousand five hundred and thirty-four, two thousand five hundred and thirty-five, two thousand five hundred and thirty-six, two thousand five hundred and thirty-seven, two thousand five hundred and thirty-eight, two thousand five hundred and thir- *Certain lots vested, on which to erect the buildings.*

ty-nine, two thousand five hundred and forty, two thousand five hundred and forty-one, two thousand five hundred and forty-two, and two thousand five hundred and forty-three, be, and the same are hereby granted to and vested in the said trustees and their successors, in fee simple, for the purpose of erecting a building or buildings thereon for the use of the said academy.

Books and accounts to be annually exhibited to the county auditors.

SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees, 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 Erie, to be settled, adjusted and published in the same manner as the accounts of the county commissioners are by law directed to be settled, adjusted and published.

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

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER CLXXIX.

AN ACT

Establishing an Academy in the town of Wellsborough, in the county of Tioga.

Academy established.

Its style.

SECT. 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 there shall be, and hereby is established in the town of Wellsborough, in the county of Tioga, an Academy for the education of youth in the useful arts, sciences and literature, by the name and style of "The Wellsborough Academy."

Trustees named.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That until the first day of April, eighteen hundred and eighteen, the trustees of the Wellsborough academy shall consist of the following persons, to wit: Justus Dart, James Gray, Nathan Rowley, junior, William D. Bacon, Uriah Spencer,