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any law to the contrary notwithstanding..

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—the eighth day of January, in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and five.

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

CHAPTER VII.

*An ACT establishing an Academy in the town of
Bellefont, in Centre County.*

WHEREAS by the ninth section of the
act, entitled, An act erecting parts of
the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Hun-
tingdon and Lycoming, into a separate county,
it is provided, that a portion of the proceeds of
certain lots and lands in and adjoining the town
of Bellefont, shall be vested in some productive
fund, for the support of an academy or public
school in the said county of Centre: And as it
appears to be the wish and desire of the grantors
of the lots and lands aforesaid, as well as of a
number of the inhabitants of Centre county,
that an academy may be established in the town
of Bellefont, and that the funds aforementioned
may be transferred to trustees, who may be ap-
pointed

pointed to superintend said institution: And as the establishment of seminaries of learning, when properly conducted, is of the highest importance to the interests of society: 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 An Academy established in Bellefont, Centre county. there shall be established, and hereby is established, in the town of Bellefont, in the county of Centre, an academy or public school, for the education of youth in the useful arts, sciences, and literature, by the name, style and title of Its name. "Bellefont Academy."

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the first trustees of Bellefont Academy shall consist of the following persons, *viz.* Henry R. Wilson, Minister of the Gospel; James Denlop, Roland Curtin and William Petrikin, Robert M^cClanahan and John Hall, of the town of Bellefont; William Steward, Minister of the Gospel; Andrew Gregg and James Pottar, of Pottars township; James Duncan, John Hall and Jacob Hosterman, of Haines township; John Krider, of Miles township; Thomas Ferguson, of Ferguson township; Jacob Taylor, of Half-Moon township; David Whitehill, of Patton township; Richard Miles and Robert Boggs, Joseph Miles and John Dunlop, of Spring township; William M^cEwen and Thomas M^cCalmon, of Centre township; John Fearon and Matthew Allison and James Boyd, of Bald-Eagle township; which said trustees, and their successors to be elected, as herein after mentioned, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, one body corporate and politic, and declared to be one body politic. by the name, style and title of the "Trustees Title and general powers thereof. Of

of Bellefont 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 in equity to take and hold to them and their successors, for the use of said academy, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods and chattels of what kind, nature or quality soever, real, personal or mixed, by the gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise or bequest of 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 ordering the affairs thereof.

Further powers. Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said trustees, and their successors, shall have full power and authority to use one common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at their pleasure.

Where the Trustees shall hold their first meeting. Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Trustees shall hold their first meeting at the house of Benjamin Patton, in the town of Bellefont, on the first Monday of May next after the passing of this act; any seven of whom shall constitute a quorum to transact any of the business of the said academy, particularly of making and enacting ordinances and bye-laws for the government of the said academy; of electing trustees in the room of those who may be removed by death, resignation or otherwise; of electing and appointing

Of a quorum to transact business, make bye-laws, &c.

pointing masters and tutors for said academy; of agreeing with them for their salaries, and of removing them; of appointing a secretary, managers and other necessary officers, for taking care of the funds, and managing the concerns of the corporation; and determining and transacting all matters and things necessary to be determined and transacted by said trustees: *Provided always*, That no ordinance or bye-law shall have any force which shall be contrary to the constitution or laws of this State or of the United States.

What bye-laws shall have no force.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all the bye-laws, ordinances and proceedings of the said corporation, shall be fairly and regularly entered in a book, 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 corporation: *Provided*, The intent of the parties shall sufficiently appear on the face of the gift, grant, will or other writing, whereby any estate or interest was intended to pass to the said corporation; nor shall any disuser or nonuser of the rights, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions and authorities hereby granted to the said corporation, create or in any wise cause a forfeiture thereof.

A regular account to be kept of the proceedings of the corporation.

Misnomers thereof not to defeat any gift, &c. thereto.

Nor any disuser or nonuser of its rights, &c. cause a forfeiture.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That no sale or alienation of the real estate of the said corporation, which shall have been made by the said trustees, or their successors, *bona fide*, for a valuable consideration, in case the possession thereof pass immediately to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, and continue in him, her or them, his, her or their heirs or assigns, shall be invalidated for want of proving that seven of the trustees of said

Limitation of time for controverting, "bona fide," sales of real estate by said corporation.

faid corporation consented to such sale or alienation, unless the same be controverted within the space of seven years, from and after the the sale and delivery of such real estate to the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

Certain property heretofore granted to the Trustees of Centre county given to the Academy.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That all the lots, lands and other property granted and conveyed to the trustees of Centre county, for the use and support of an academy or public school in said county, agreeably to the ninth section of an act, entitled, An act for erecting parts of the counties of Mifflin, Northumberland, Lycoming and Huntingdon into a separate county, passed the thirteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred, shall be and remain for the use, benefit and support of Bellefont academy; and it shall and may be lawful for the trustees of said academy, to demand and receive the annual proceeds or income of the grant aforesaid, and to apply the same in paying or discharging the salary or salaries of a tutor or tutors in said academy.

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