

CHAPTER XCVIII.

An ACT to prohibit in Courts of Justice, the reading or quoting of* British Precedents subsequent to the fourth of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

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 first day of May next, it shall not be lawful to read or quote in any court in this Commonwealth, any British precedent or adjudication which may have been given or made subsequent to the fourth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six. *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the reading of any precedent of maritime law, or of the law of nations.

No British case adjudicated subsequent to July 4, 1776, to be read in the courts of this Commonwealth. Those relating to maritime law or the law of nations excepted.

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

APPROVED—the nineteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER XCIX.

An ACT establishing an academy in the borough of Gettysburgh, in the county of Adams, 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 borough of Gettysburgh, in the county of Adams, an academy, or publick 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 "Gettysburgh Academy," under the care, direction and government of eight trustees, *to wit*: Reverend William Paxton, William Gilliland, Alexander Russel, James Dobbin, Doctor William Crawford, William Maxwell, William Miller, and Robert McIlheny; which said trustees and their successors to be elected as is 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 Gettysburgh 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,

An academy established in Gettysburgh.

Style and title of. Trustees named.

Who and their successors to be a body corporate.

Name and style of, and powers and privileges.

* "The reading or quoting of" omitted in the original.

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

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the number of trustees shall be eight 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 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 five of them shall be present, (which members 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 said county of Adams, 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 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, 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.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the first meeting of the said trustees shall be at Gettysburgh on the third Tuesday of May next, and at such other times as a majority of the trustees for the time being shall determine.

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 orders signed by the board; he shall keep fair accounts thereof, to be open at all times 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 faithful performance of the duties enjoined, and the re-payment of all monies received by him,

Number of trustees to be eight. No one of to serve longer than four years, without being re-elected. Five members to be quorum. How the members shall be changed. Two trustees to be elected annually, on the second Tuesday in October. How vacancies by death are to be supplied.

First meeting to be held on the 3d Tuesday in May next &c. Treasurer to be appointed. Who shall give bond &c.

which bond shall be deposited with the prothonotary of the county.

§ 2000 granted to said academy.
How to be appropriated.
Poor children to be admitted. Proviso.

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 which shall be in the treasury of this commonwealth, to be paid to the treasurer of the institution by the state treasurer, on the order or orders of the said trustees or any five of them herein before mentioned, 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, and the purchasing of books, mathematical instruments, and the necessary Philosophical apparatus, and the remaining one thousand dollars shall be placed in some safe 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, and there shall be admitted into said academy in consequence of the aforesaid grant, any number of poor children that may at any time be offered in order to be 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.

Penalty on the trustees neglecting to exhibit their accounts annually to the auditors of Adams county if required.

SECT. VI. *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 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 Adams, if the said auditors or any two of them shall require the same 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.

JOHN WEBER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the nineteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

SIMON SNYDER.

CHAPTER C.

An ACT for the removal of the seat of justice in Wayne county, from Bethany, to a place, at or near the Centre of the said County.

WHEREAS, it appears to the legislature, that those inhabitants of Wayne county who live near the line of Northampton county and along the river Delaware below Milford are subjected to very great hardships in their attendance on